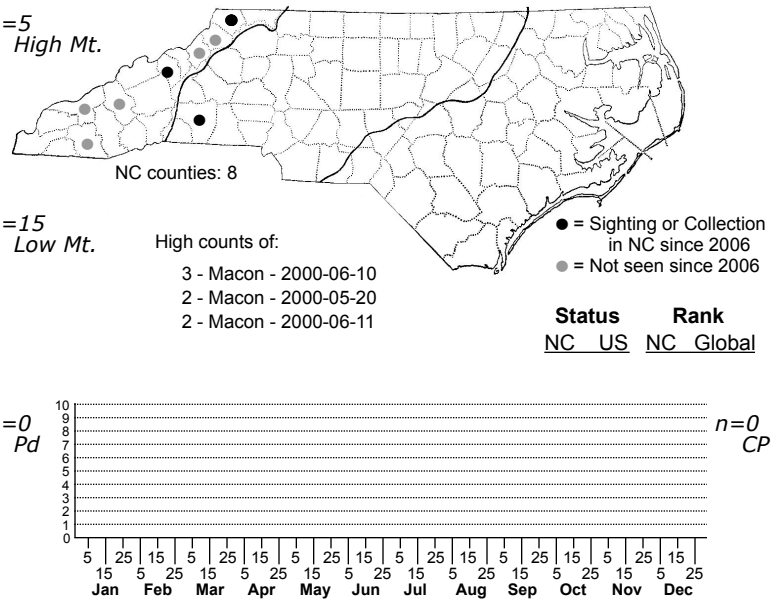
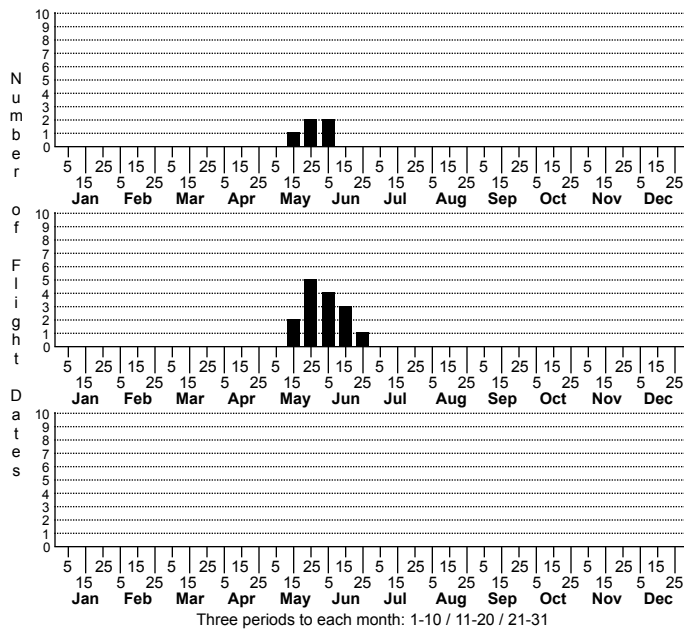


Metarranthis indeclinata Pale Metarranthis



FAMILY: Geometridae SUBFAMILY: Ennominae TRIBE: Anagogini

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: One of thirteen species in this genus currently recognized as occurring in North America north of Mexico (Pohl et al., 2016). Twelve have been recorded in North Carolina.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: Similar to refractaria but indeclinata but refractaria is slightly larger and the pm line is usually a good indicator. It comes to a real point where the angle breaks and the line up to the costa is longer. All in all it is a more tailored species with all the markings crisper (JBS, pers. obs.)

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Ferguson (1975) reported larvae feeding on Choke Cherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i>), and there is a BugGuide record (Gouvernement du Québec) of a larva reared from Sugar Maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i>). Other reported hosts require verification.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S2S3]

STATE PROTECTION: Has no legal protection, although permits are required to collect it on state parks and other public lands.

COMMENTS: