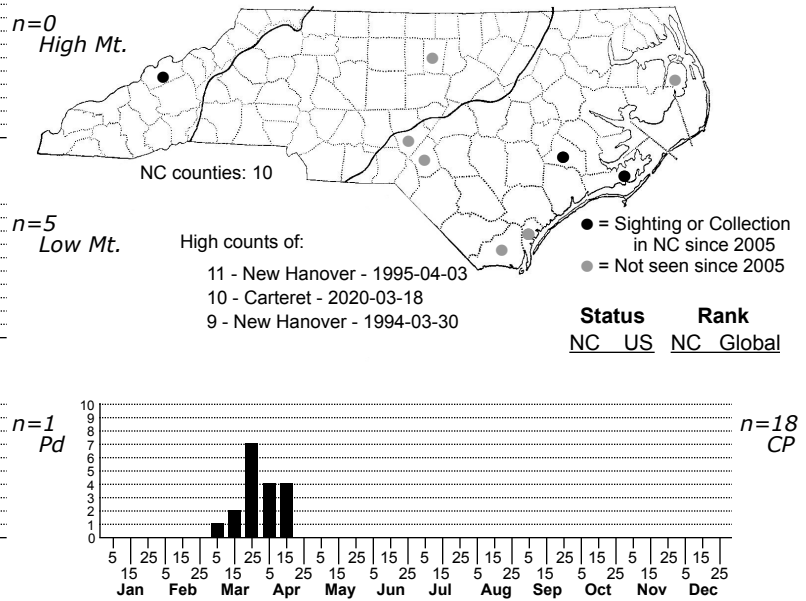
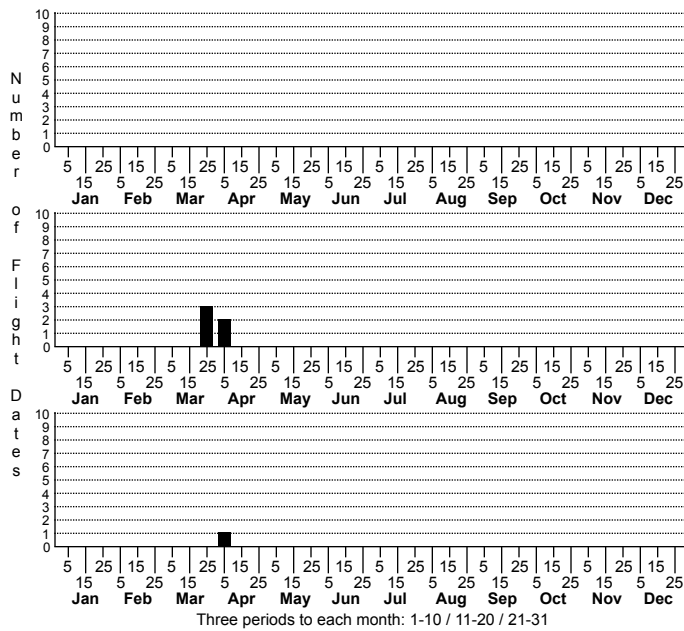


# *Eupithecia jejunata* Swift Pug Moth



FAMILY: Geometridae SUBFAMILY: Larentiinae TRIBE: Eupitheciini  
TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: "A small, insignificant species" (McDunnough, 1949). The forewings are short and broad, with a pointed apex (McDunnough; Rindge, 1985). The ground color of both pairs of wings is a general smoky gray. A small discal spot is usually present and a postmedian line runs fairly evenly, paralleling the outer margin. A pale, slightly dentate subterminal line is also present, located just beyond two lines that are separated from the postmedian by a pale space. The terminal area is shaded with smoky gray, often forming patches opposite the cell and above the tornus. A broken, dark terminal line is present, and the fringes are fairly obviously checkered. The hindwings are light smoky with a darker discal streak and a curved postmedian line. According to Rindge (1985): In the south, this species can be recognized by its small size, short palpi, and relatively broad wings; there are no other species with this combination of characters.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our records are all associated with fairly xeric oak woodlands. Along the coast, several records come from maritime forests or scrub; in the Fall-line Sandhills from fairly xeric barrens; and from the Piedmont from a monadnock that supports a stand of mafic dry-xeric oak-hickory forest.

FOOD: The early stages and food plants are unknown (Rindge, 1985).

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 SNR [S2S3]

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

COMMENTS: