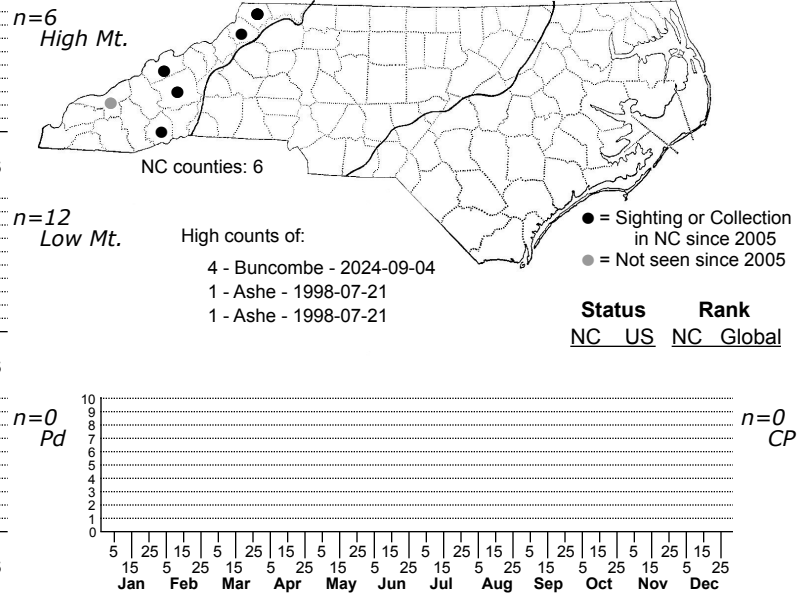
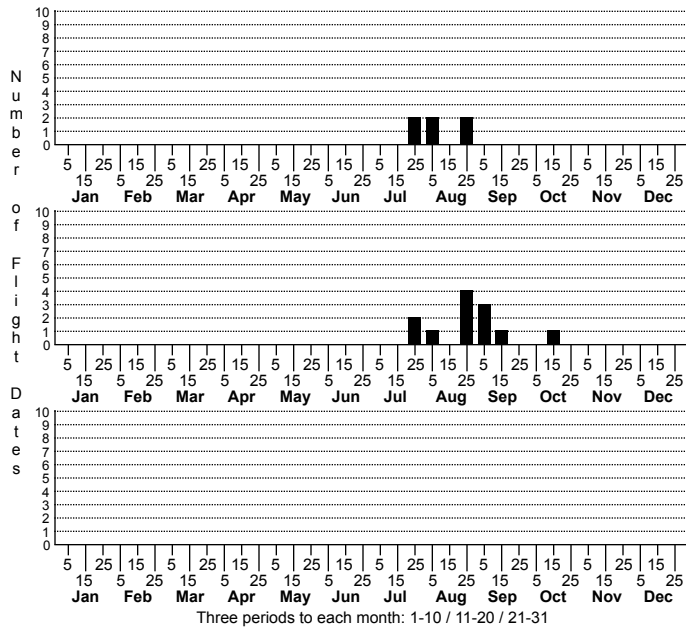


Eupithecia absinthiata Wormwood Pug Moth



FAMILY: Geometridae SUBFAMILY: Larentiinae TRIBE: Eupitheciini
TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: "The light chocolate brown color of the wings, the large black discal dot on the primaries only, and the dark costal patches at the inception of the t.a. and t.p. lines are characteristic of the species, these features being retained even when the cross lines have become obscure" (McDunnough, 1949, as *E. geminata*).

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Larvae apparently feed on a variety of plants in the Asteraceae, with reported hosts including American Yarrow (*Achillea gracilis*), Mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*), Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), thoroughworts (*Eupatorium* spp.), and Canada Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*) (Robinson et al., 2010). We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SU [S2S3]

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

COMMENTS: