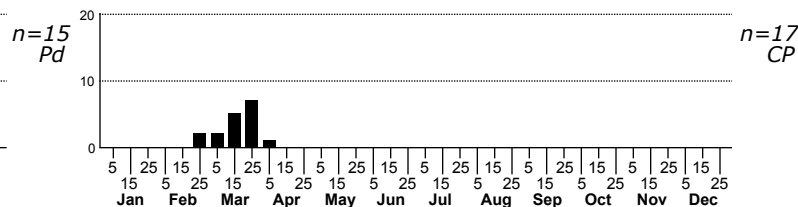
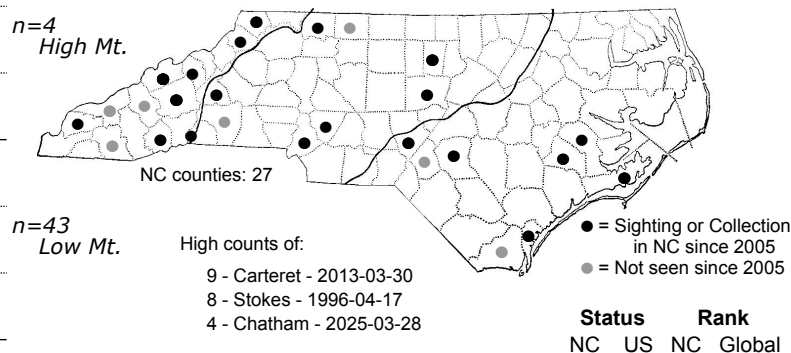
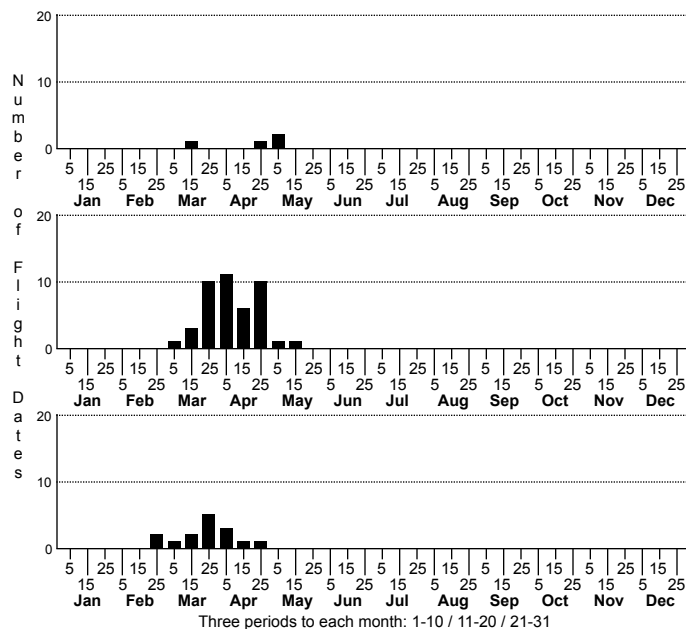


# Phyllodesma americana Lappet Moth



FAMILY: Lasiocampidae SUBFAMILY: Lasiocampinae TRIBE: Gastropachini  
TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Woodlands and forests (Wagner, 2005). North Carolina records come come predominately from mesic hardwood forests.

FOOD: Larvae are polyphagous, feeding on many hardwood trees and shrubs. Wagner (2005) specifically lists alder (*Alnus*), apple (*Malus*), birch (*Betula*), cherry (*Prunus*), ironwood (*Carpinus*), oak (*Quercus*), poplar (*Populus*), and willow (*Salix*). In North Carolina, J.B. Sullivan reared larvae from Bluejack Oak (*Quercus incana*) and Turkey Oak (*Q. laevis*).

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S3S4]

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

COMMENTS: Records are fairly sparse for what is a widespread species that uses a variety of common habitats. It's early flight period may cause it to be undersampled.