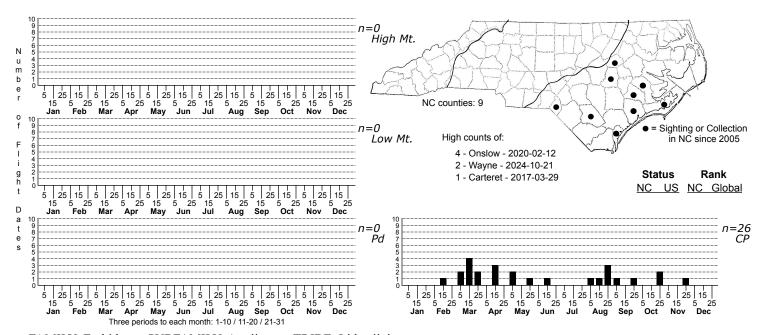
Clemensia ochreata Little Ochre Lichen Moth



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Arctiinae TRIBE: Lithosiini

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: One of three species in this genus that occur in North America (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010). All three are found in North Carolina.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Schmidt and Sullivan (2018)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: Clemensia ochreata is slightly similar in pattern but is slightly smaller than C. albata (Schmidt and Sullivan, 2018). The ground color is also more ochraceous than in albata, which is usually a purer white; the scales along the antemedian and postmedian are particularly bright orange. The forewings in ochreata often appear dingier than in albata but the pattern of lines and spots may be more contrasting. The dark spots on the costa are darker and a medial dark patch on the base of the antemedian is particularly pronounced.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our records come almost entirely from wet hardwood forests in the Coastal Plain.

FOOD: Larvae probably feed on lichens or algae on tree bark, like other members of the genus.

OBSERVATION METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR SNR [S2S3]

STATE PROTECTION:

COMMENTS: This species was recently described and its overall distribution and abundance still needs to be determined, both within the state and over its entire range