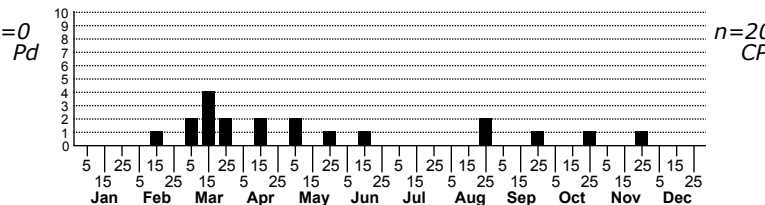
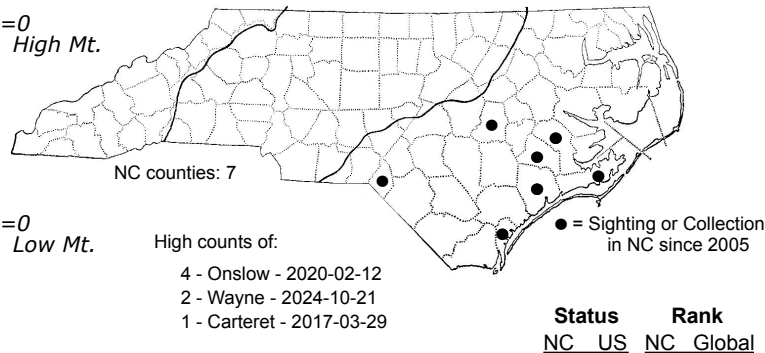


Clemensia ochreata Little Ochre Lichen Moth



FAMILY: Erebiidae 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