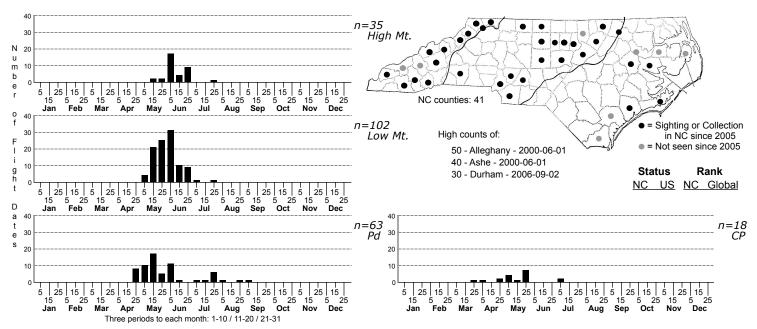
## Chytolita morbidalis Morbid Owlet Moth



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Herminiinae TRIBE: TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

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

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Forbes (1954) TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

## ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Occurs nearly statewide in North Carolina, but is relatively uncommon in the Coastal Plain and possibly absent from the Sandhills.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our records come from a wide range of hardwood forests, including both swamp and bottomland forests and upland ridges.

FOOD: Larvae have been reared on dead oak leaves (Wagner et al., 2011). Forbes (1954) also reported grass, dandlelion, hazel, and lettuce.

## **OBSERVATION METHODS:**

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S4S5]

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

## COMMENTS: