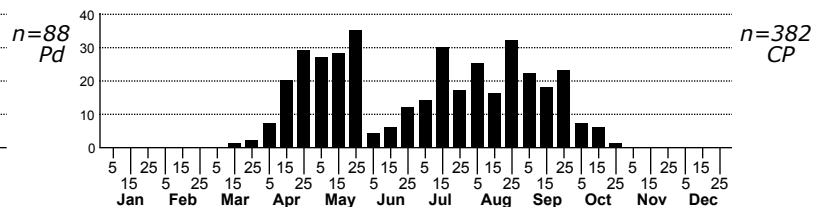
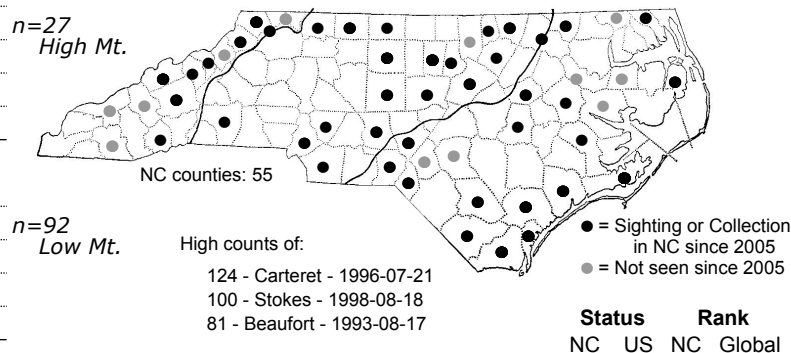
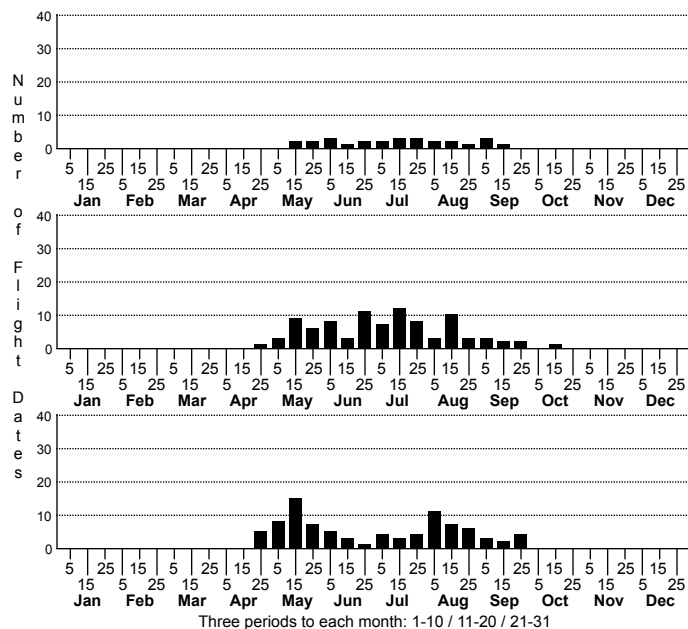


## *Bleptina caradrinalis* Bent-winged Owlet Moth



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Herminiinae TRIBE:

TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS: One of seven species in this genus that occur in North America (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010); three have been recorded in North Carolina.

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: We have records for this species from essentially all habitats in the state, from maritime dune grasslands on the barrier islands to spruce-fir forests on the summits of our highest mountains. Open as well as forests are used, as are hardwood as well as conifer-dominated stands; wetlands as well as xeric barrens.

FOOD: Larvae probably feed mainly on dead leaves and other detritus, but the species has been reared on both herbaceous and hardwood leaves (Wagner et al., 2011).

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S5]

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

COMMENTS: