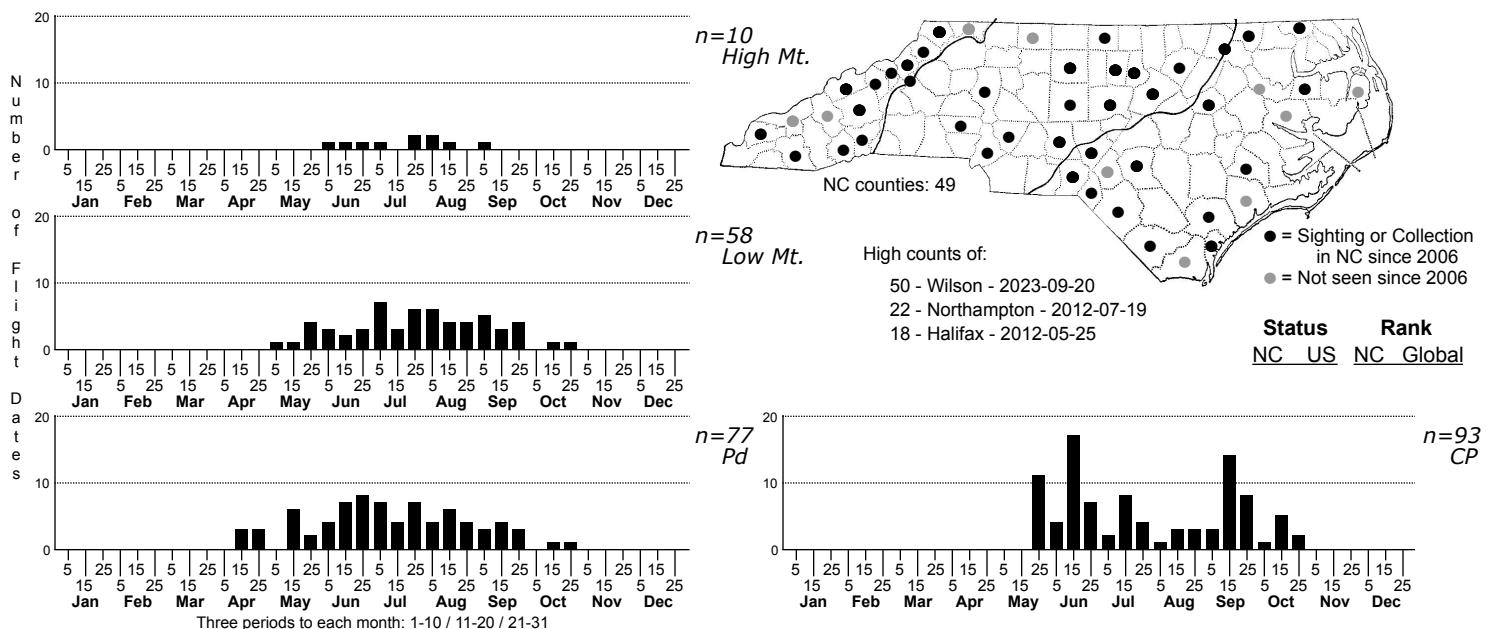


Rivula propinqualis Spotted Grass Moth



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Rivulinae TRIBE:

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: One of three species in this genus that occur in North America north of Mexico (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010), two of which have been recorded in North Carolina.

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

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES: Wagner et al. (2011)

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Occurs essentially statewide in North Carolina, but is apparently uncommon on the Outer Banks and at higher elevations in the mountains.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Most of our records come from wetlands, including floodplain forests, swamps, bogs, seeps, and shorelines, all where wetland graminoids are prominent features of the herb layer. A few records come from high elevation grasslands in the mountains and wet pastures in the Piedmont.

FOOD: Larvae feed on grasses (Wagner et al., 2011). In North Carolina, Tracy Feldman has reared a larva from Awl-fruit Sedge (<i>Carex stipata</i>).

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: