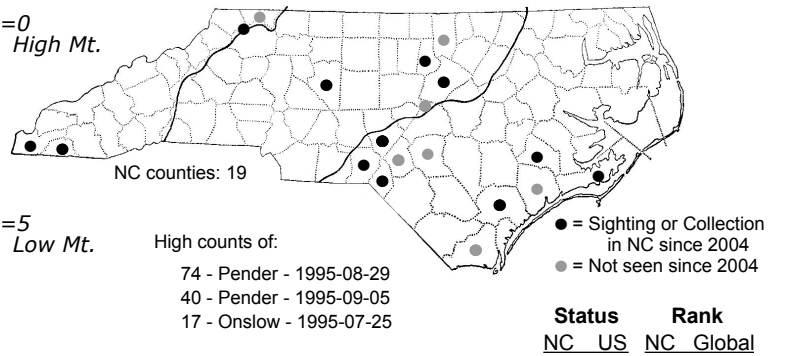
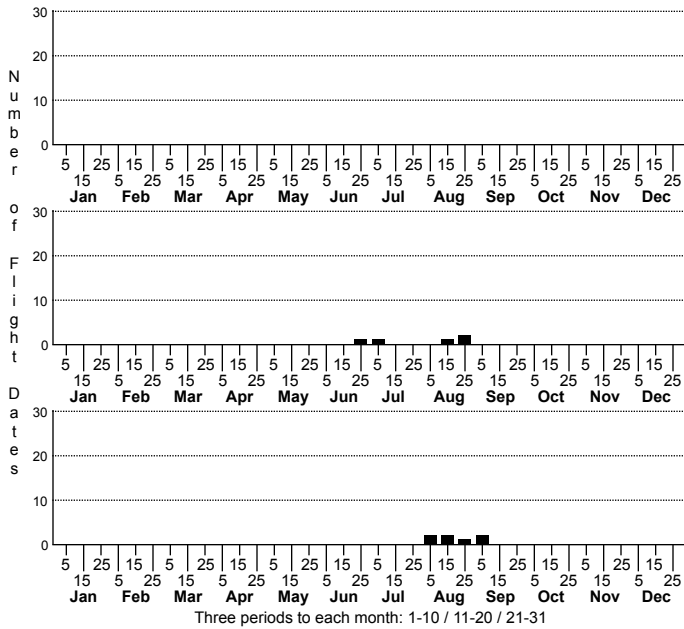
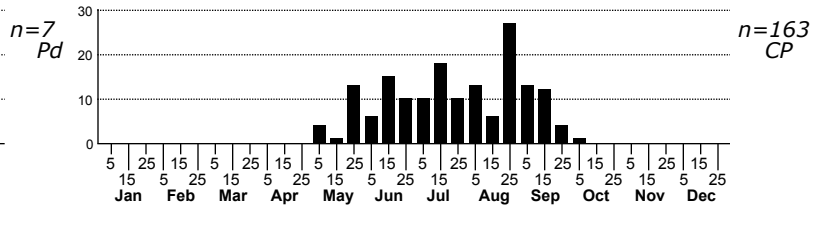


Gabara distema An Erebid Moth



High counts of:
 74 - Pender - 1995-08-29
 40 - Pender - 1995-09-05
 17 - Onslow - 1995-07-25



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Scolecospinae TRIBE:

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: One of seven species in this genus that occurs in North American north of Mexico (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010). Three of these species have been recorded in North Carolina (one historic record for *G. obscura* needs to be confirmed). One undescribed species also appears to exist.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: According to Richards (1942), this is the common and variable form of the southeastern states. The ground color tends to be yellowish but varies from nearly white to dark grey. The postmedian is weak or absent and the dark longitudinal streak and discal dots can be present or absent. Unstreaked forms with a pale ground color probably need to be dissected in order to distinguish this species from both *pulverosalis* and *subnivosella*.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Members of this genus feed on grasses (Robinson et al., 2012)

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 S3S4

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

COMMENTS: