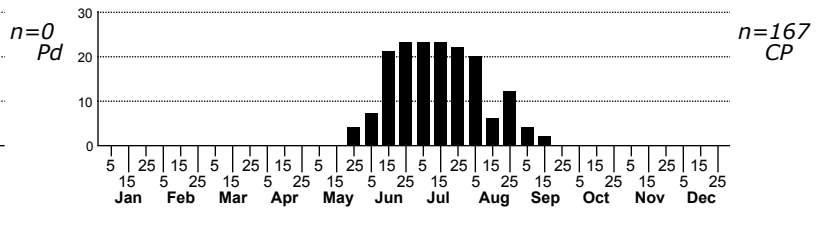
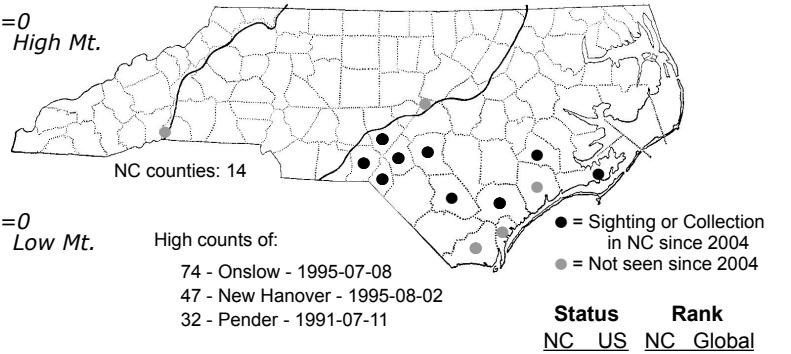
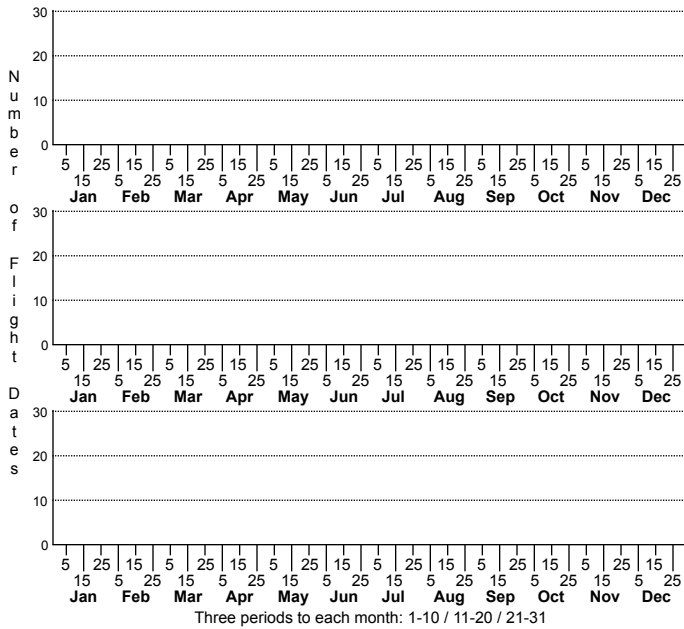


# *Gabara pulverosalis* An Erebid Moth



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: The ground color is mouse gray, evenly powdered on a clay-colored base (Forbes, 1954); according to Richards (1942) the ground color is almost always dark sooty gray but some dwarf forms are light to almost white. The fuscous postmedian line and black orbicular and reniform dots are distinct but this species lacks the longitudinal dark streak found in some specimens of the other species. Dark forms of *Gabara distema humeralis* are also mouse gray to black but smoother in shading than *G. pulverosalis* (Forbes, 1954).

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: The hosts are apparently undocumented.

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: