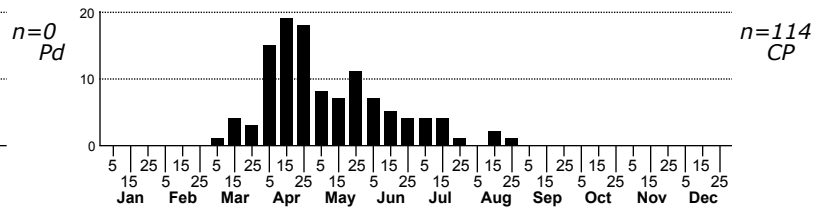
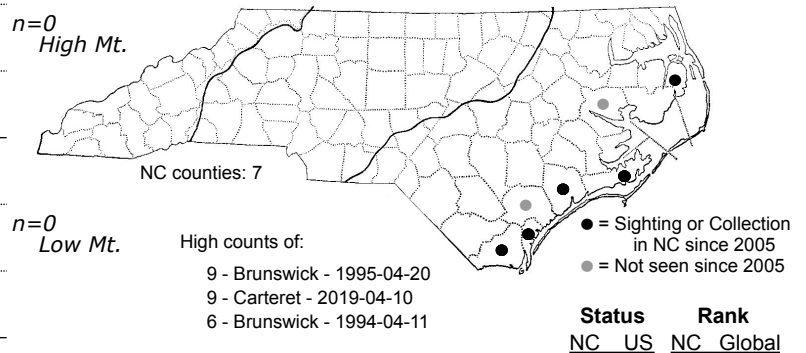
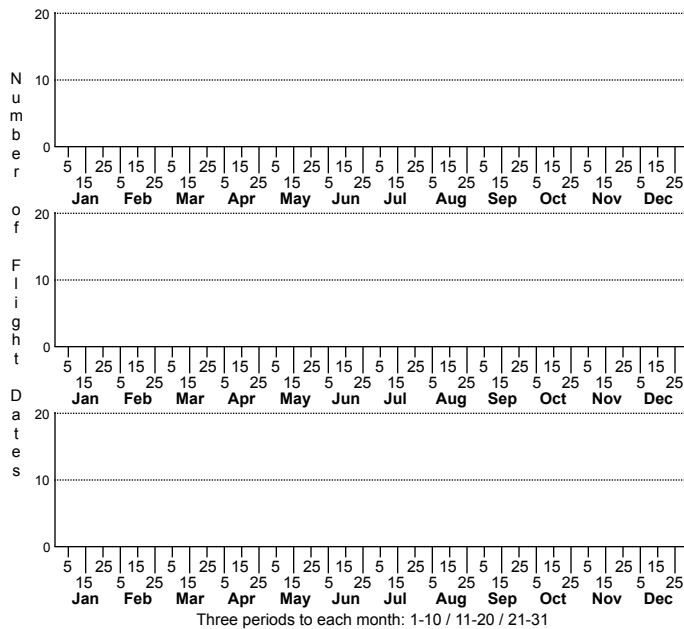


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FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Erebinae TRIBE: Ophiuini
TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:
ONLINE PHOTOS:
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES: Wagner et al. (2011)

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Restricted to the outer Coastal Plain in North Carolina.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: The majority of our records come from barrier islands, where Live Oak, Sand Live Oak, and Darlington Oak are present. We also have records from Coastal Fringe Sandhills on the adjoining areas on the mainland but none from xeric Carolina Bay Rims or the Fall-line Sandhills where Turkey Oaks prevail.

FOOD: Wagner et al. (2011) list Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*) and Turkey Oak (*Q. laevis*) as host plants. However, all of our records come from habitats where Live Oak is present to dominant and we have no records from the Sandhills in habitats where Turkey Oak is the dominant species. Research is needed to determine the hosts used in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S3S4]

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

COMMENTS: