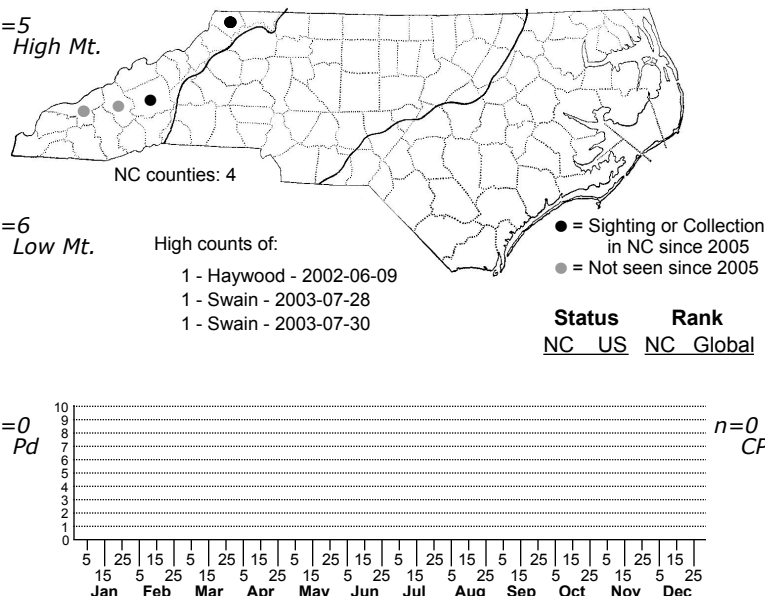
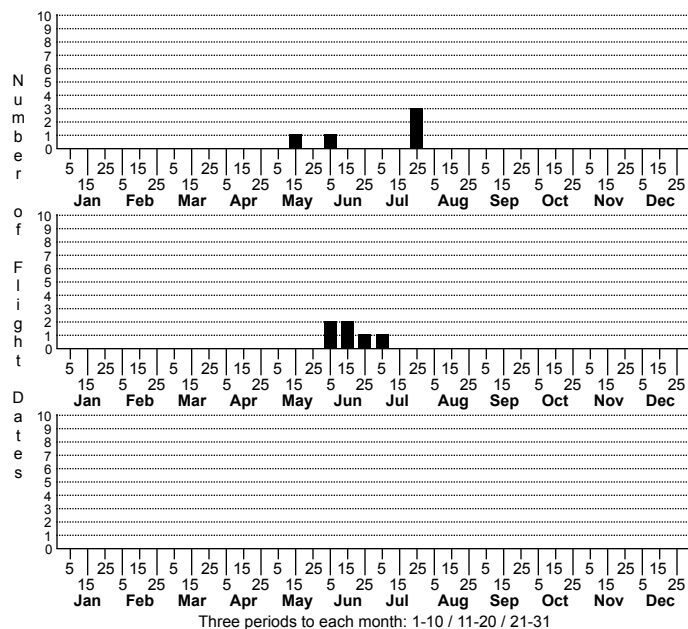


Polychrystia morigera None



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Plusiinae TRIBE: Plusiini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: One of six members of this Holarctic genus, two of which occur in North America (Lafontaine and Poole, 1991). Only *P. morigera* occurs in the East.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Lafontaine and Poole (1991)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: A medium-sized, mottled dark brown Looper, with a distinctive dagger-shaped, hollow stigma that reaches the postmedian line. Hindwings are a fairly dark brown.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: We have records from cove forests at two sites, but also from Spruce-fir Forests.

FOOD: The only reported hosts for this species are larkspurs (*Delphinium* spp.) (Lafontaine and Poole, 1991). Our two native species are associated with rich soils, including rich cove forests in the mountains.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 S1S2

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

COMMENTS: Lafontaine and Poole (1991) regarded this species as the rarest Plusiine occurring in North America, despite its fairly wide range.