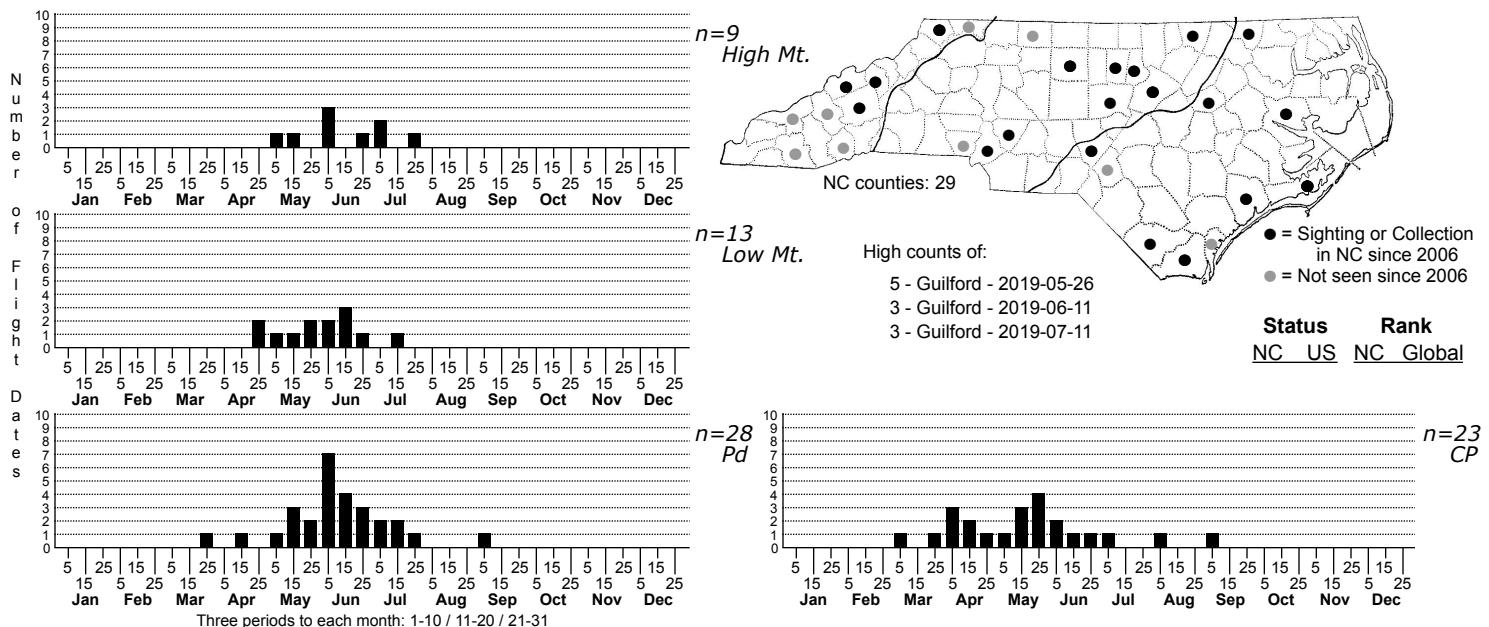


Megalographa biloba Bilobed Looper Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Plusiinae TRIBE: Plusiini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: The sole member of this genus in North America north of Mexico (Lafontaine and Poole, 1991; Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010)

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984; as *Autographa biloba*); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: A medium-sized, brown Looper, shaded with red or yellow and possessing a distinctive bilobed silver stigma. The transverse lines are also silver, as is the dorsal outline of the reniform, which forms a conspicuous c-shaped mark.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our records come from a wide range of open habitats. Records from the high mountains may represent migrants.

FOOD: Polyphagous, feeding on a wide variety of herbaceous plants, including crop species (Lafontaine and Poole, 1991).

Wagner et al. (2011) specifically list Common Barley (<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>), Garden Lettuce (<i>Lactuca sativa</i>), Alfalfa (<i>Medicago sativa</i>), Cultivated Tobacco (<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>), dandelion (<i>Taraxacum</i>), clover (<i>Trifolium</i>), and vervain (<i>Verbena</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: