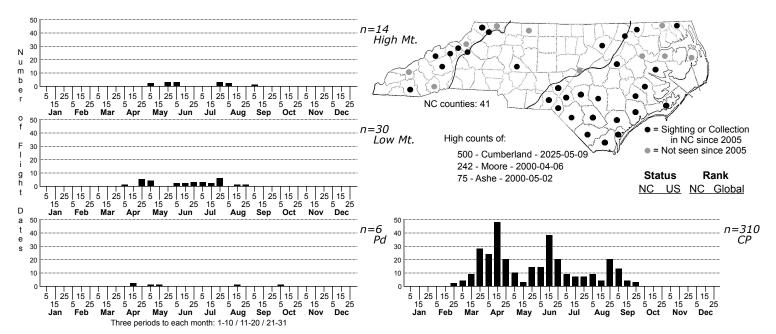
## Nola clethrae Sweet Pepperbush Nola



FAMILY: Nolidae SUBFAMILY: Nolinae TRIBE: TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES: Wagner et al. (2011)

## ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: While we have records spanning the state from the barrier islands to high mountains, this species is by far the most common in the Coastal Plain, uncommon in the Mountains, and rare in the Piedmont. This range is a result of the distribution of the host plants (<i>Clethra</i> spp.) in the state.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Coastal Plain records come from the edges of pocosins and other wetlands. Mountain records come from both alluvial forests and mesic slopes, including some at high elevations. In both areas, the distribution of the moth strongly parallels the distribution of <i>Clethra</i>

FOOD: Larvae feed on sweet-pepperbush, with Coastal Sweet-pepperbush (<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>) confirmed and Mountain Sweet-pepperbush (<i>C. acuminata</i>) presumed based on distributional patterns (Wagner et al., 2011).

**OBSERVATION METHODS:** 

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR SNR [S4S5]

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

COMMENTS: