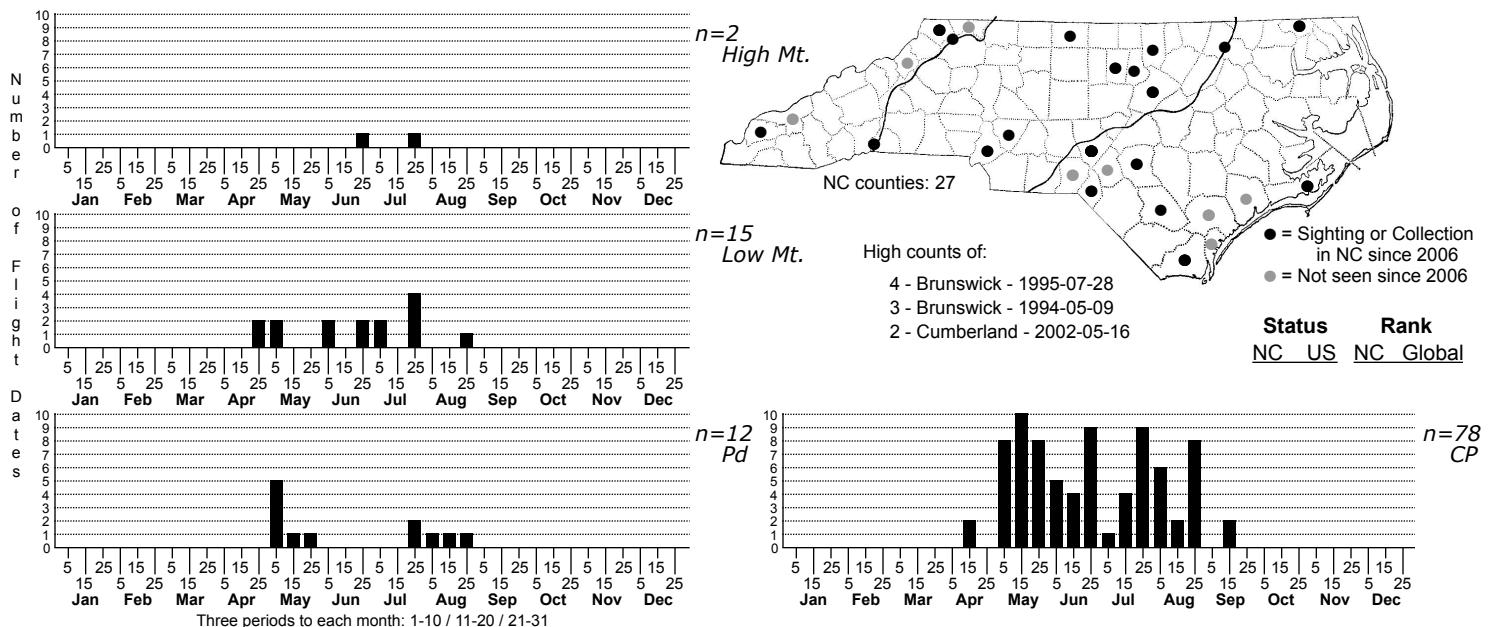


Ponometia candefacta Olive-shaded Bird-dropping Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Acontiinae TRIBE: Acontiini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: One of 34 species in this genus that occur in North America north of Mexico (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010), six of which have been recorded in North Carolina

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984; as *Tarachidia candefacta*); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our records come primarily from open herbaceous habitats, including maritime dune grasslands; Longleaf Pine savannas, flatwoods, and sand ridges; lake shorelines; and wet meadows.

FOOD: Larvae feed on ragweeds, including Annual Ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*) and Giant Ragweed (*A. trifida*) (Wagner et al., 2011).

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: