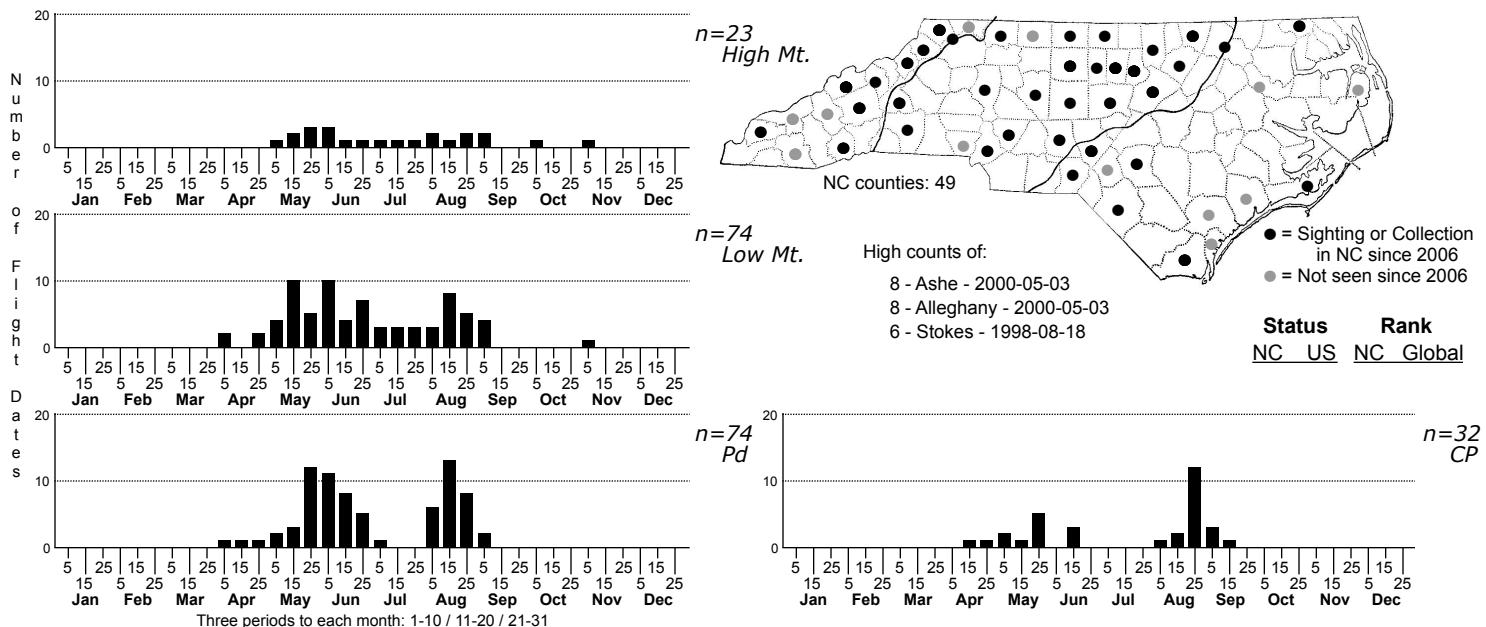


# Charadra deridens Laughter Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Pantheinae TRIBE:  
TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); 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: Wagner et al. (2011) list barrens, woodland, and forests as habitats used by this species. Our records span the entire range of hardwoods in North Carolina, ranging from dry-xeric maritime forests to cool mesic Northern Hardwoods on our highest peaks.

FOOD: Larvae feed primarily on beech (*Fagus*) and oak (*Quercus*) but have also been reported on birch (*Betula*), elm (*Ulmus*), and maple (*Acer*) (Wagner et al., 2011). In North Carolina, larvae have been recorded feeding on Cherrybark Oak (*Quercus pagoda*), Willow Oak (*Q. phellos*), and Winged Elm (*Ulmus alata*).

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: