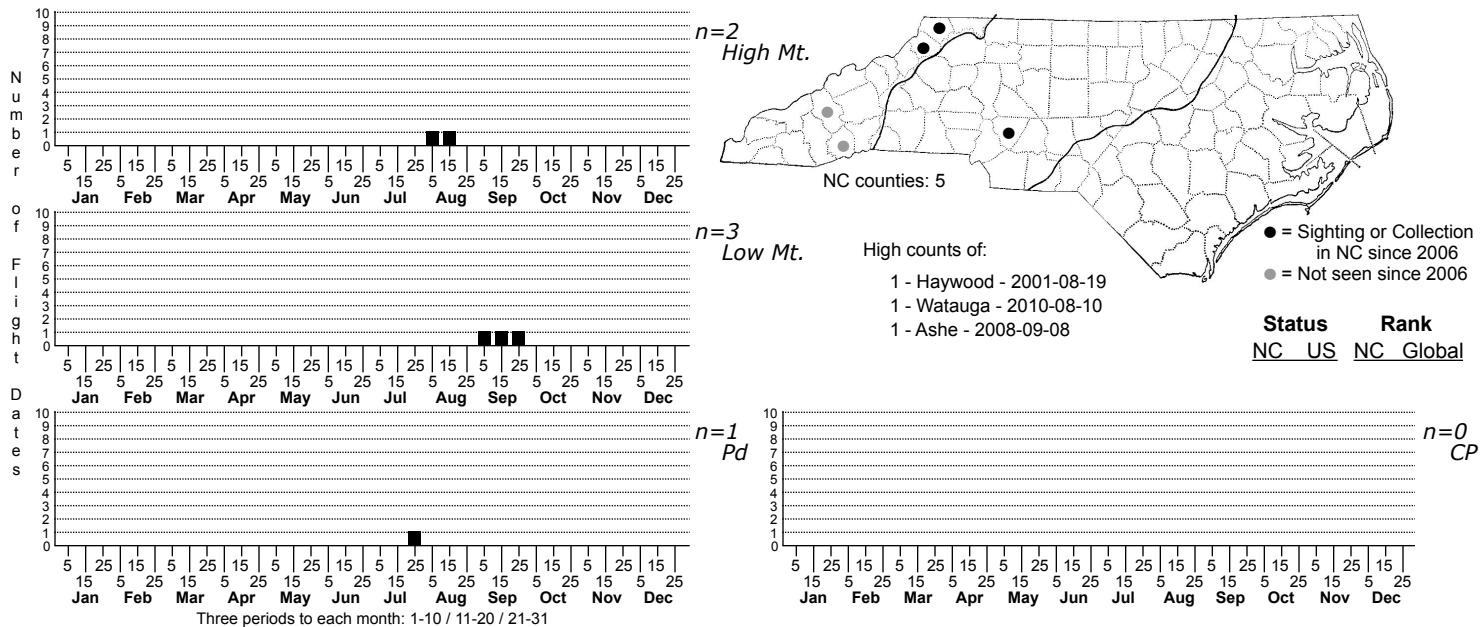


# *Apamea devastator* Glassy Cutworm Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Apameini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: A Holarctic genus of about 140 species, with 63 recorded in North America, mostly from boreal or montane habitats (Mikkola et al., 2009). Seventeen species occur in North Carolina with the majority of records coming from the mountains.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984; as *Crymodes devastator*); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: This species occurs across North America but is primarily northeastern in the East. Only a few records occur as far south in the mountains as North Carolina, where they may represent relict populations. The one record we have from the Piedmont probably represents a stray.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Larvae feed on sod grasses, as well as a wide range of other grasses and forbs. Mikkola et al. (2009) list wheat, oats, barley, corn, tobacco, beets, strawberries, geraniums, lettuce, peach, alfalfa, and cabbage. We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S1S2]

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

COMMENTS: The montane populations are likely to represent high elevation relicts