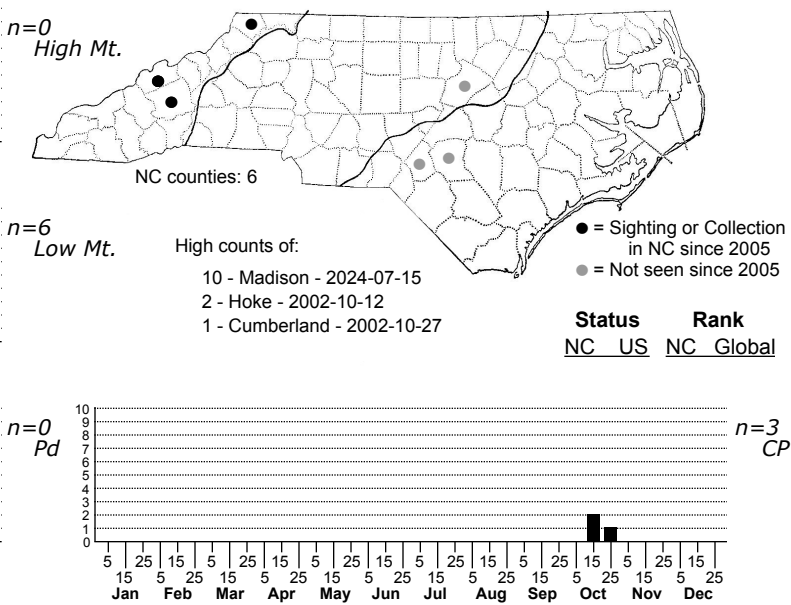
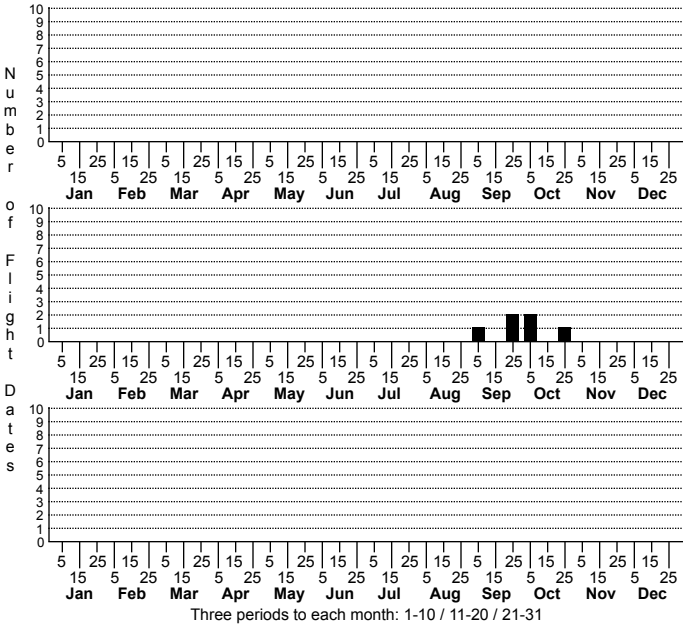


Macronoctua onusta Iris Borer Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Apameini
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: In the Fall-line Sandhills, our records come from beaver pond habitats where *Iris virginica* is the likely host. In the Piedmont and Mountains, records come from residential areas where the hosts are probably cultivated species.

FOOD: Larval feed on members of the iris family (Iridaceae), including *Iris* and *Gladiolus* (Wagner et al., 2001). Our only feeding record in North Carolina is for non-native Yellow Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*).

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S2S3]

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

COMMENTS: