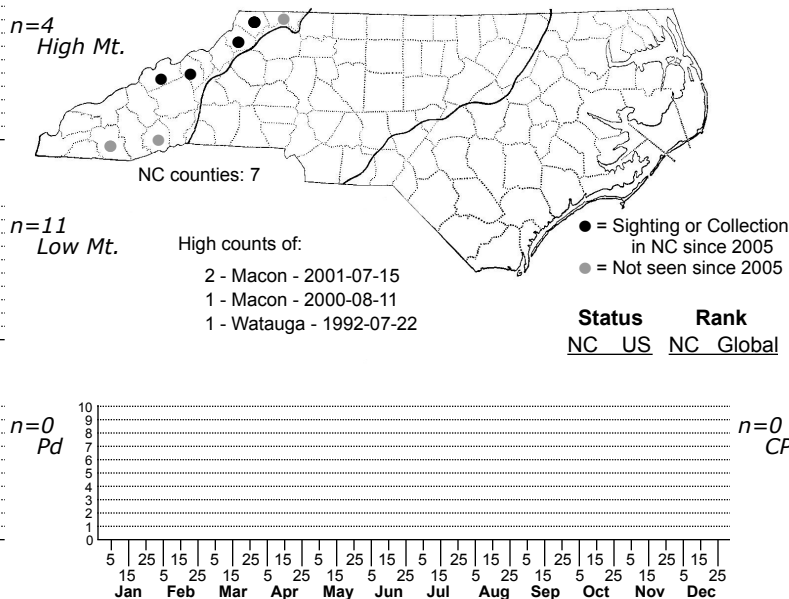
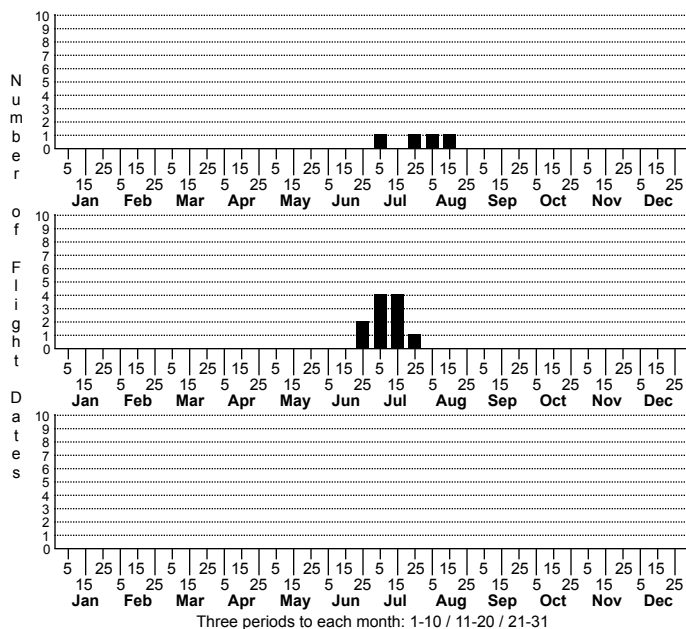


Amphipoea interoceanica Interoceanic Ear Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Apameini
TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: Very similar in color and markings to *Amphipoea americana*, but is smaller and "a shade more stocky" (Forbes, 1954). According to Covell (1984), the pale filling of the reniform is confined to the outer 2/3 in *A. interoceanica*. Differences in color and extent of the pale filling in the reniform, however, do not seem as apparent in North Carolina specimens (J.B. Sullivan, pers. obs.).

DISTRIBUTION: As of 2023, all of our records for the species come from the mountains, including both low and high elevations.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our records all come from natural habitats, including open habitats such as mountain bogs, wet meadows, and high elevation semi-natural grasslands. A few also come from cove forests.

FOOD: Larvae feed on strawberries (*Fragaria*), becoming pests on crops in some areas (Wagner et al., 2011). Robinson et al. (2010) also list sedges and grasses.

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: