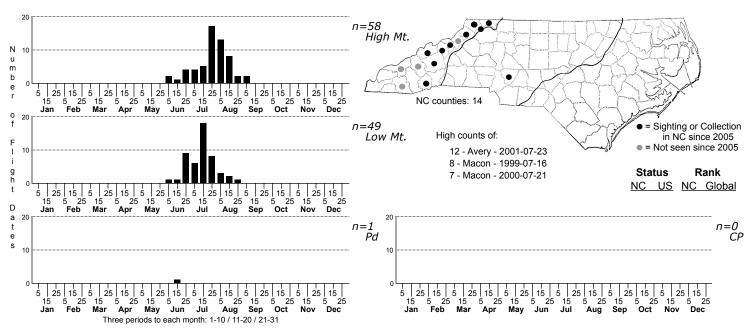
## Amphipoea americana American Ear Moth



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: Very similar in color and markings to <i>Amphipoea interoceanica</i>, but is larger and not as stocky (Forbes, 1954).

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our records come mainly from high elevation forests and semi-natural grasslands, but also from wet meadows and bogs. One isolated Piedmont record comes from a residential area adjacent to both fields and bottomlands.

FOOD: Larvae reportedly feed on sedges and grasses, including corn, but have also been recorded on iris (Wagner et al., 2011). We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

**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: