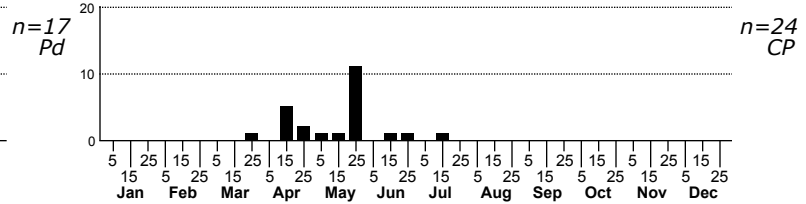
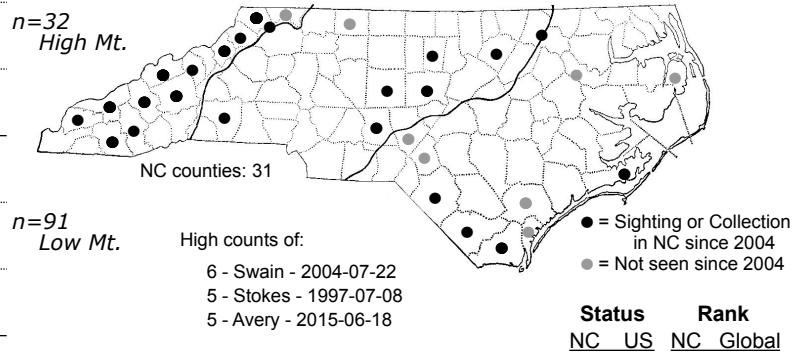
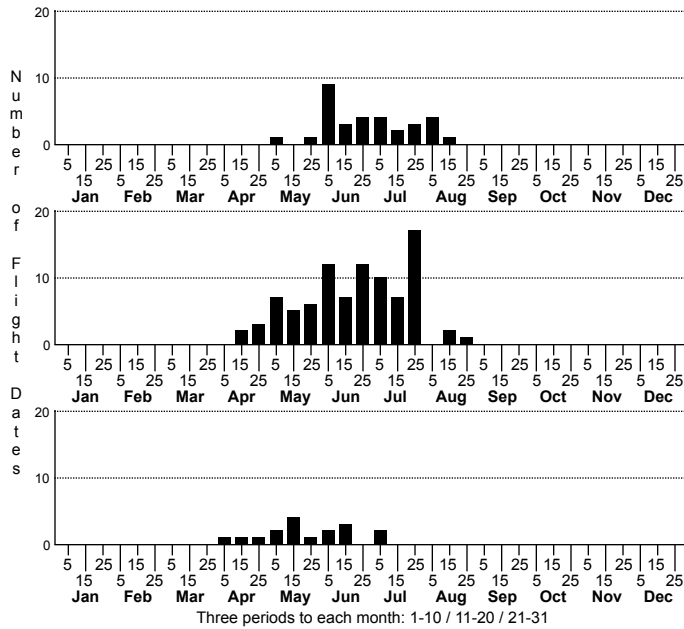


# *Balsa labecula* White-blotched Balsa Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Balsinae 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: Our records from the Coastal Plain come almost entirely from wet forests where Aronia and several species of Hawthorns are common. Some of the records from the Piedmont and Mountains also come from low-lying areas but the majority are from upland areas.

FOOD: Larvae may be stenophagous on members of the Rosaceae. Wagner et al. (2011) report finding them on Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*) and hawthorn (*Crataegus*), and also reared them on Serviceberry (*Amelanchier*). Beadle and Leckie (2012) also list chokeberry (*Aronia*) and apple. We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 S4S5

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

COMMENTS: