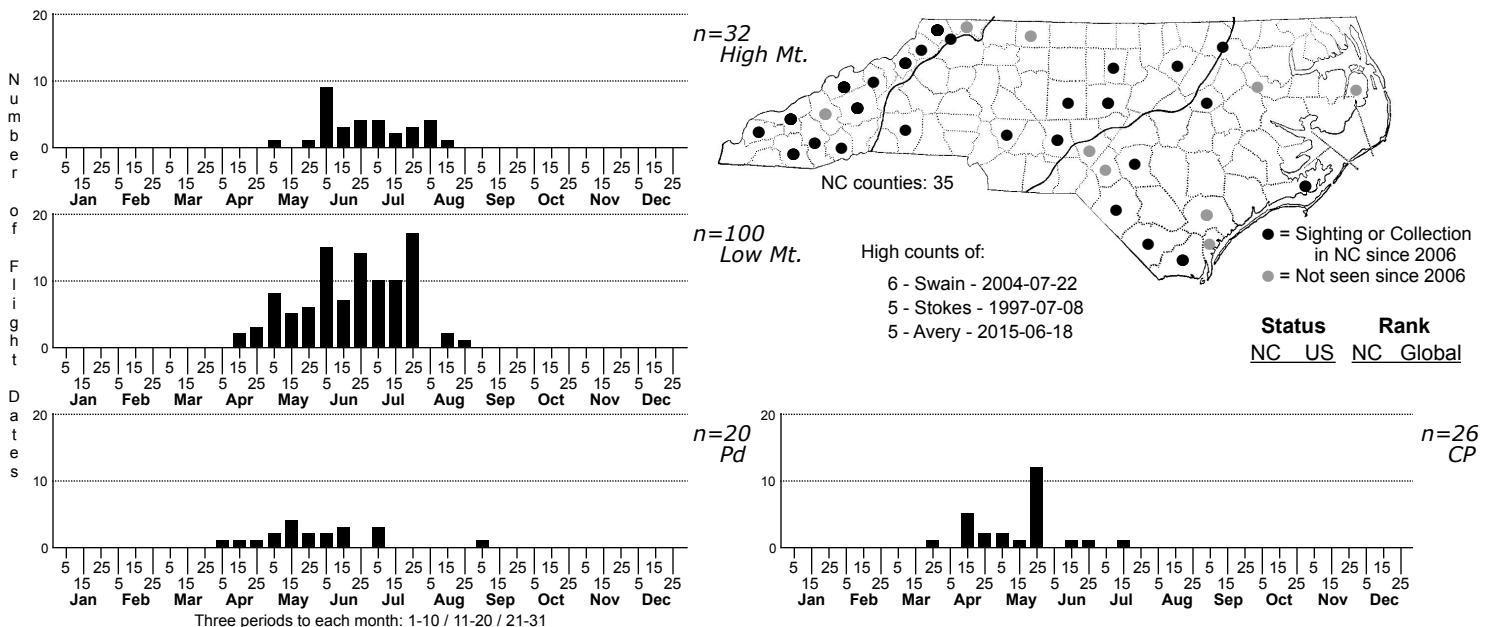


Balsa labecula White-blotched Balsa



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 Choke Cherry (*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 SNR [S3S4]

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

COMMENTS: