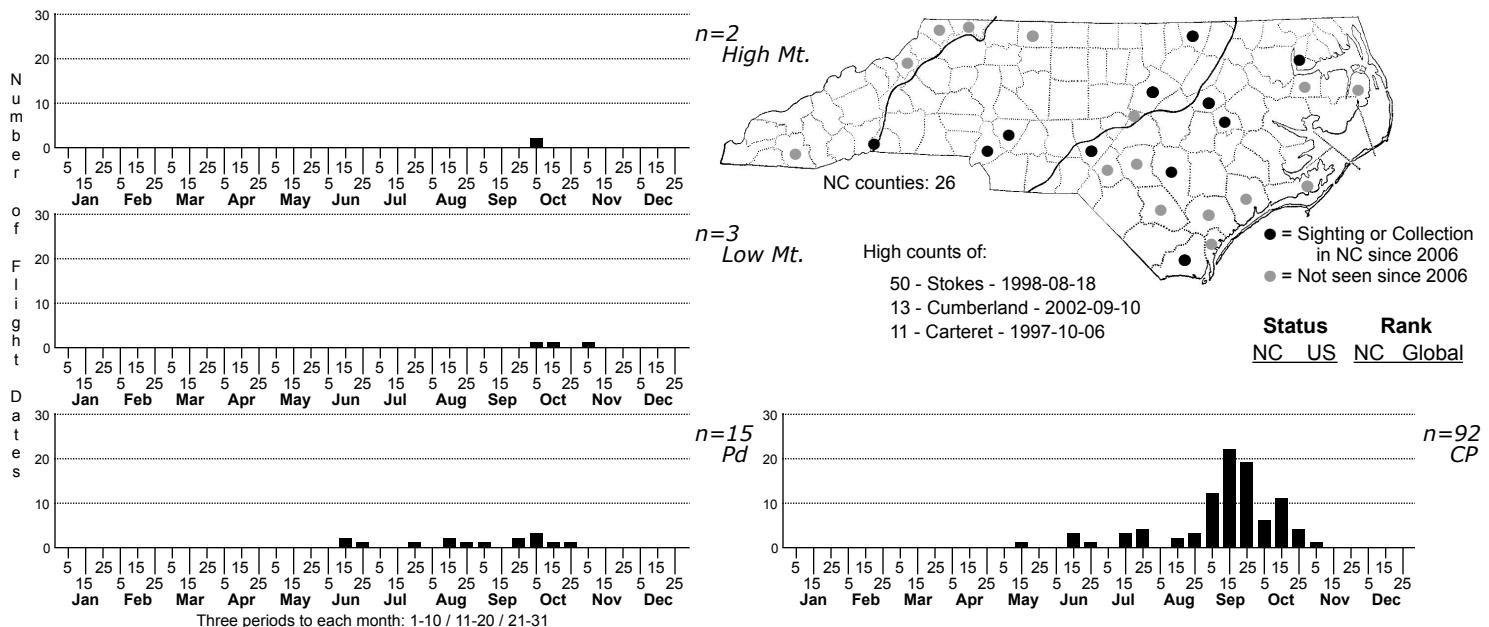


# *Spodoptera exigua* Beet Armyworm Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Prodeniini  
 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: According to Wagner et al. (2011), habitats used by this species include agricultural fields, waste places and other open habitats. Our records come from primarily from open, natural habitats, including maritime dunes, Coastal Plain savannas, sandhill seeps, and sand ridges. Other records come from hardwood forests but may represent strays.

FOOD: Larvae are polyphagous on herbaceous plants, including graminoids and forbs; a number of crop species are used. Wagner et al. (2011) specifically list *Amaranthus*, asparagus, carrot, soybean, cotton, lettuce, rice, tomato, potato, and corn.

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: