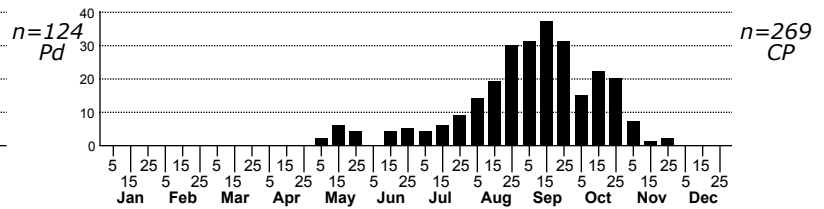
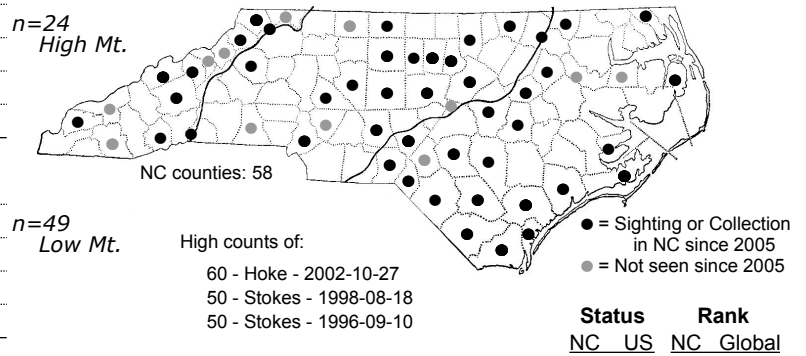
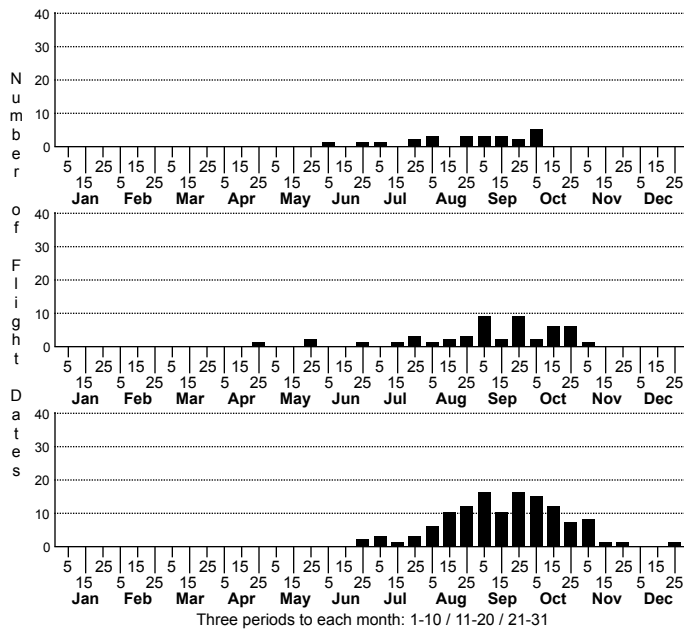


Spodoptera frugiperda Fall Armyworm Moth



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: Habitats include old fields, croplands, and waste places (Wagner et al., 2011). Our records also come from open, natural habitats, including maritime dunes, coastal savannas, marshes, sandhill seeps, sand ridges, and lakeshores. A smaller number come from various types of hardwood forests and residential areas, some of which may represent strays or migrants.

FOOD: Larvae are polyphagous on herbaceous plants, including both graminoids and forbs, and at least some woody species; a number of crop species are used. Wagner et al. (2011) specifically list strawberry, cotton, alfalfa, tobacco, clover, wheat, and corn. In North Carolina, there are iNaturalist records of larvae feeding on various grasses.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S5]

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

COMMENTS: