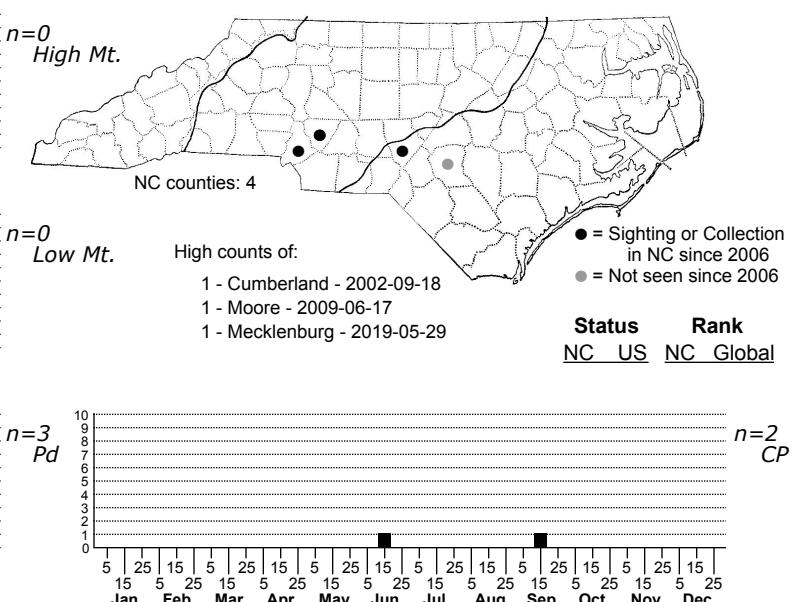
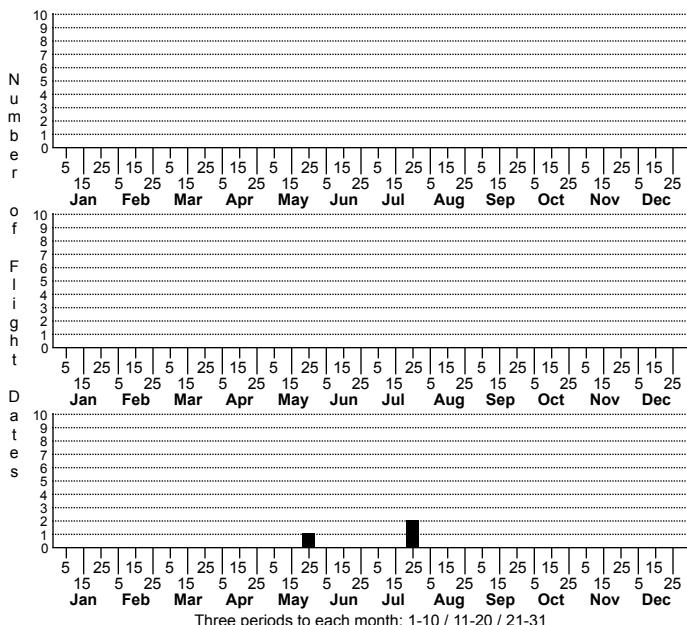


Spodoptera latifascia Velvet Armyworm Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Prodeniini
TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: According to Pogue (2002), latifascia can easily be confused with *S. ornithogalli* but the spots of adterminal line are spindle-shaped in *S. latifascia* and crescent-shaped in *S. ornithogalli*. The veins of the hindwing are white in latifascia but are shaded with brown in ornithogalli.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Wagner et al. (2011) list croplands, waste areas, and other open lands as habitats used by this species. Our records come from open wetlands, sand ridges, and residential areas, all of which may represent migrants from the south.

FOOD: Like other members of this genus, larvae of this species are broadly polyphagous (Wagner et al., 2011) and are often found on cotton, tomato, and corn.

OBSERVATION METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR SNR [SNA]

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

COMMENTS: This species may occur in North Carolina only as an occasional migrant