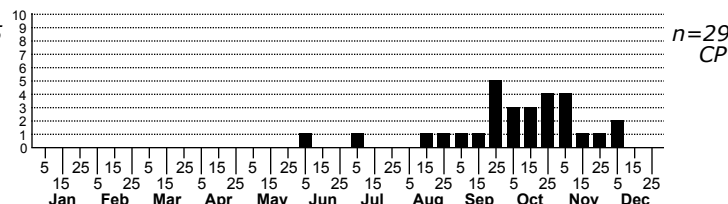
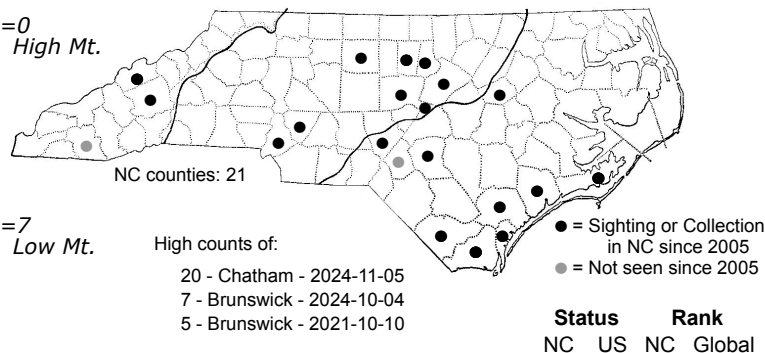
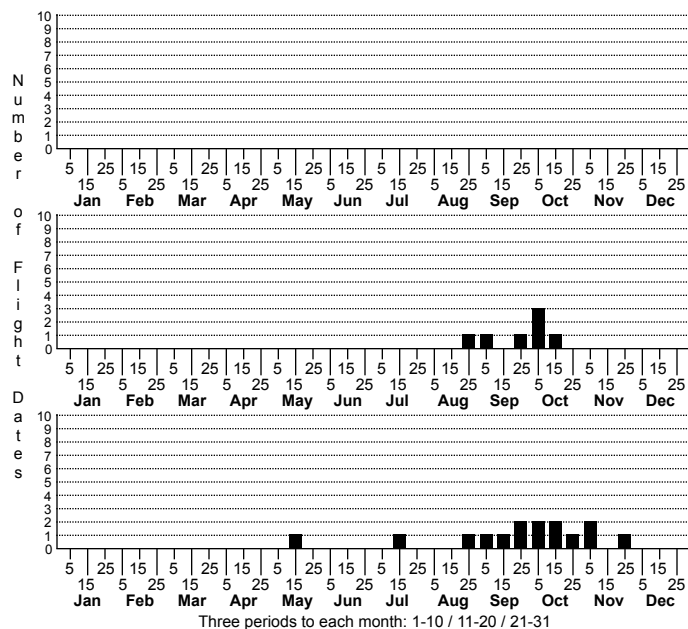


# *Spodoptera eridania* Southern Armyworm Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Prodeniini  
TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984)

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: Like other members of this genus, habitats include croplands, fields, waste places and other open areas (Wagner et al., 2011). Our records come from barrier islands, savannas, sand ridges, and lakeshores. Many of our records, particularly inland from the coast, probably represent fall migrants.

FOOD: Larvae are broadly polyphagous on herbaceous species, including many crop species and weeds. Wagner et al. (2011) specifically list *Amaranthus*, Celery (*Apium graveolens*), cotton (*Gossypium*), Sweet Potato (*Ipomoea batatas*), tobacco (*Nicotiana*), pokeweed (*Phytolacca*), Garden Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*), Potato (*Solanum tuberosum*), and Corn (*Zea mays*). In North Carolina, larvae have been recorded feeding on cabbage, Sweet Potato, Maritime Pokeweed (*Phytolacca rigida*), Sicklepod (*Senna obtusifolia*), and tomato.

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: