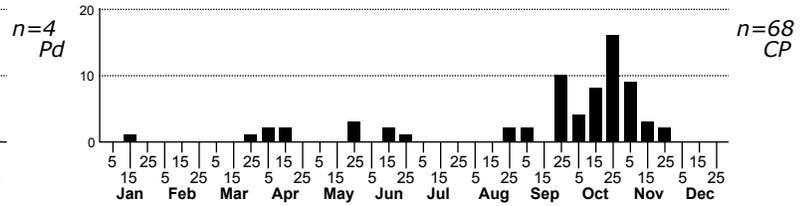
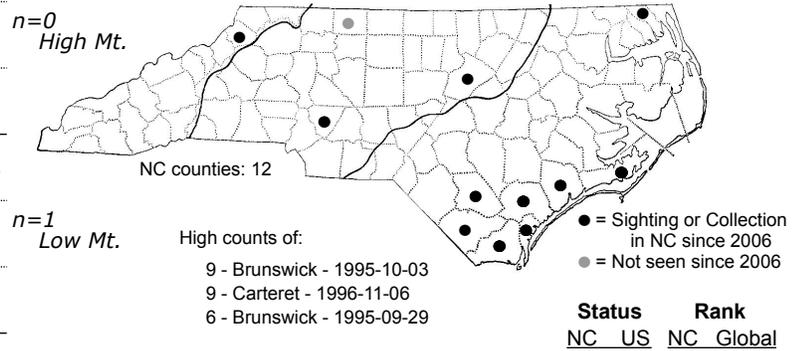
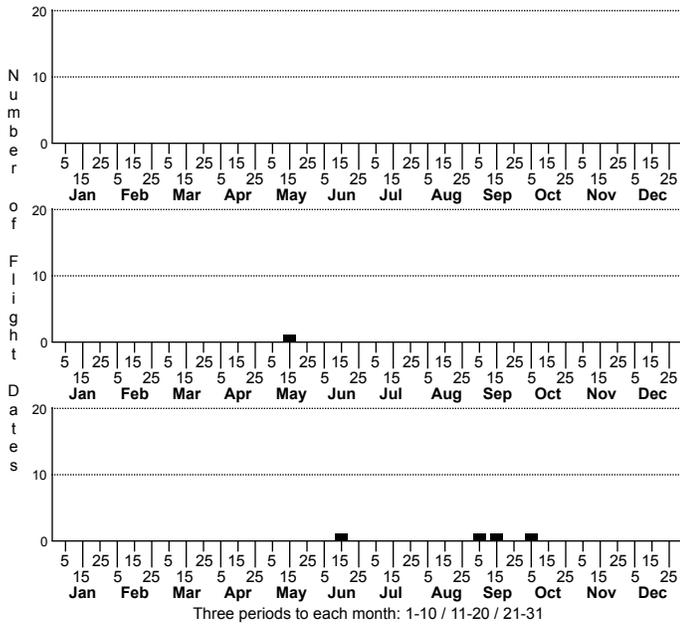


Elaphria nucicolora Sugarcane Midget



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Elaphriini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: One of fourteen species in this genus that occur in North America north of Mexico (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010), nine of which have been recorded in North Carolina

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

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: Bahia Grass has become well-established in North Carolina, occurring particularly along roadsides, lawns, and other disturbed areas. Most our records for this moth come from the Outer Coastal Plain, mainly from barrier islands and other open, grassy habitats. Away from the Coast, our records may represent mainly migrants.

FOOD: Larvae feed on grasses, including Sugarcane (<i>Saccharum officinarum</i>), Bahia Grass (<i>Paspalum notatum</i>), and Rye (<i>Secale cereale</i>) (Wagner et al., 2011). We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR SNR [S345]

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

COMMENTS: