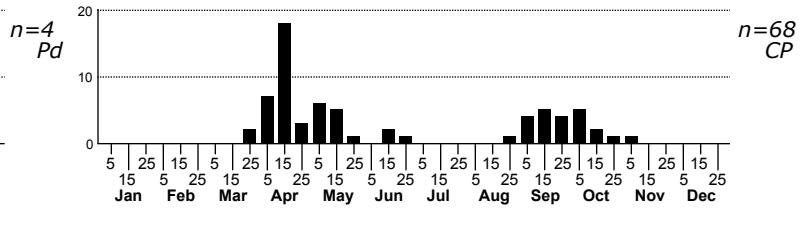
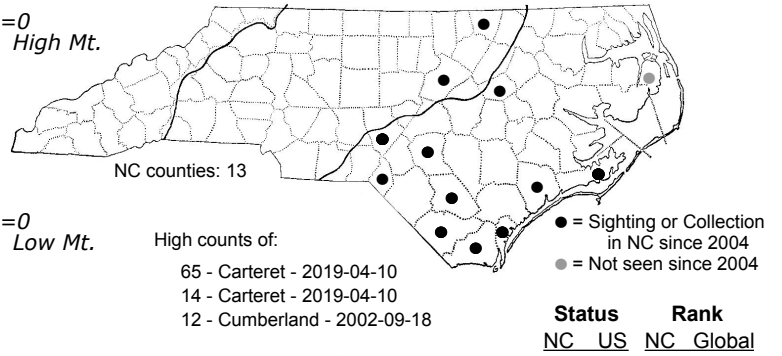
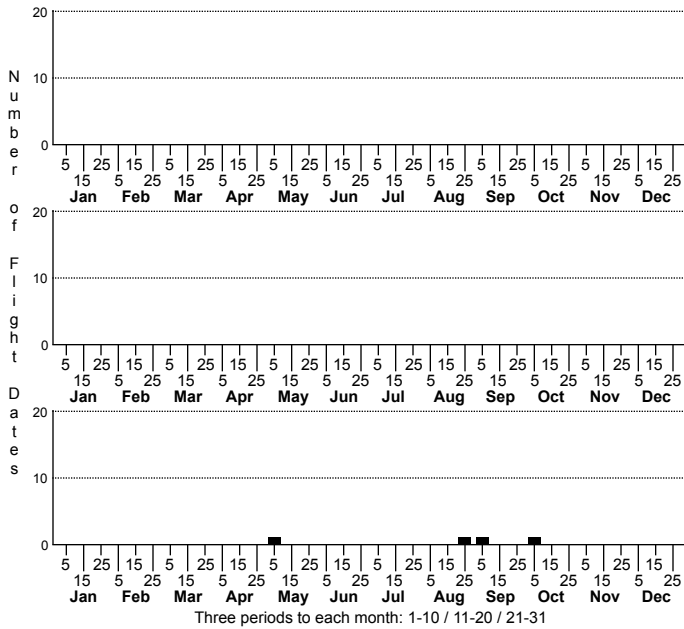


Elaphria festivoides Festive Midget Moth



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: Habitats include xeric, sandy areas along the coast and inland to the Fall-line Sandhills (Pogue and Sullivan, 2003)

FOOD: Hosts are poorly documented, but Wagner et al. (2011) list Boxelder (<i>Acer negundo</i>).

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 S3S4

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

COMMENTS: The range, host plants, and habitats of this species need clarification due to its long confusion with other members of the Festivoides Complex, which occupy a very different set of habitats. In North Carolina, this species appears to be a specialist on xeric, sandy habitats.