

Sigmoria austrimontis No common name

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: ONLINE PHOTOS:

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Shelley (1981) described this species as confined to the South Mountains, including portions in Burke, Cleveland, and Rutherford County. Shelley (2000) also lists Buncombe County for austromontis as a full species but doesn't given any details about the location; these records may refer to "integrades"" that were mentioned in the original description of his two subspecies, some of which were recorded from Black Mountain in Buncombe County."

HABITAT: Shelley (1981) described Sigmoria rubromarginata, which at that time included austrimontanis as a subspecies, as a cove-inhabiting species.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: [GNR] [S1S2]

STATE PROTECTION:

COMMENTS: This species is endemic to a single mountain massif in North Carolina. As such, it should be considered as having a significant priority for conservation efforts.