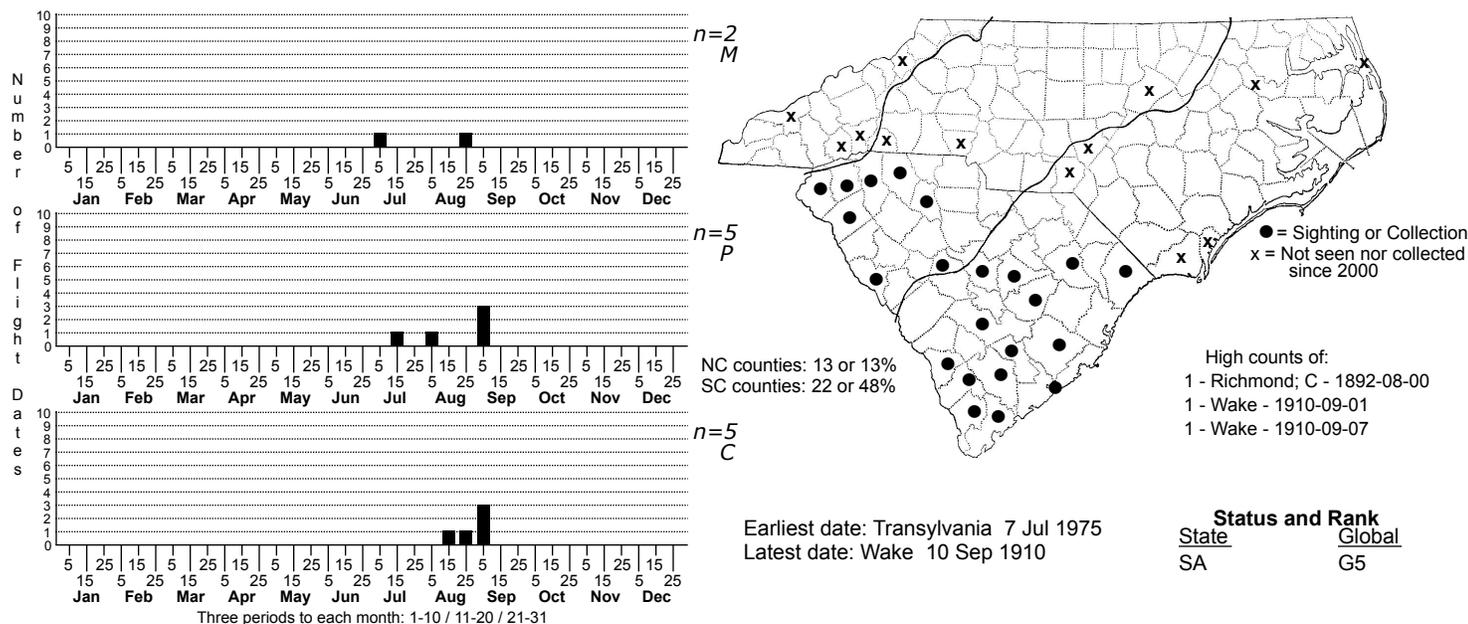


Barred Yellow *Eurema daira*



DISTRIBUTION: A strongly declining stray; scattered records for all three provinces. A sporadic breeder in southern SC, and reported almost annually there; but it has never been anything but a stray into northern SC and NC.

ABUNDANCE: Formerly casual, and now accidental. This is a migrant from the South, clearly more numerous as a stray 30 or more years ago. Despite it now being accidental in NC, quite a few records have been made in southern SC in the past few years, and it might breed there on occasions.

FLIGHT PERIOD: Late summer and early fall, though likely could occur well into late fall. The 12 dates available fall between July 7 and September 10, which clearly suggest a migrant into the state (as there are no spring or early summer records).

HABITAT: Open country; fields, woodland borders, roadsides, etc.

FOOD AND NECTAR PLANTS: Various legumes (Fabaceae) are foodplants; nectar plants in NC are not known.

COMMENTS: The Barred Yellow has been recorded from 22 counties in SC, but only in 13 counties in NC. Exactly how rare this species was historically (prior to 1990) in NC is poorly known, but the species must have been more numerous in the South in past decades, for despite records in 13 counties in NC, no reports have been made in the last 30 years. Female Barreds look very similar to both male and female Little Yellows and could easily be overlooked, especially in flight. In fact, the 1992 record was in a collection of butterflies examined by Harry Pavulaan; he identified the Barred Yellow (Pavulaan, pers. comm.). I must assume that the original collector had called it a Little Yellow. Perched Barred Yellows do not show the rusty margin spot on the hindwing that the Little Yellow shows and tend to be mostly white or cream-colored with a heavy sprinkling of tiny black dots.