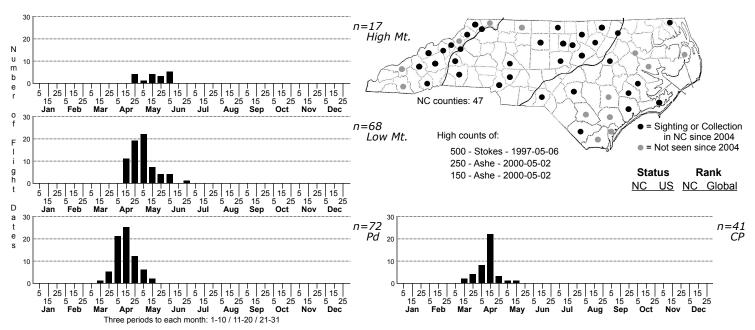
Morrisonia confusa Confused Woodgrain Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Orthosiini TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: The ground color is dull gray-brown; in light specimens, dusted and streaked on a luteous background (Forbes, 1954). A black basal dash is present and a dash above the inner margin. The antemedian is waved and the postmedian is deeply dentate opposite the cell, partially white-filled and with a conspicuous white bar across the fold. The orbicular is very large and nearly horizontal, often touching the reniform.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Woodlands and forests (Wagner et al., 2011). Our records come from maritime forests, pocosins, bottomland hardwoods, mesic slopes, and northern hardwoods.

FOOD: Larvae are polyphagous on a wide range of woody species, including hardwood trees and shrubs and with conifers and forbs sometimes reported (Wagner et al., 2011).

OBSERVATION METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 S4S5

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

COMMENTS: