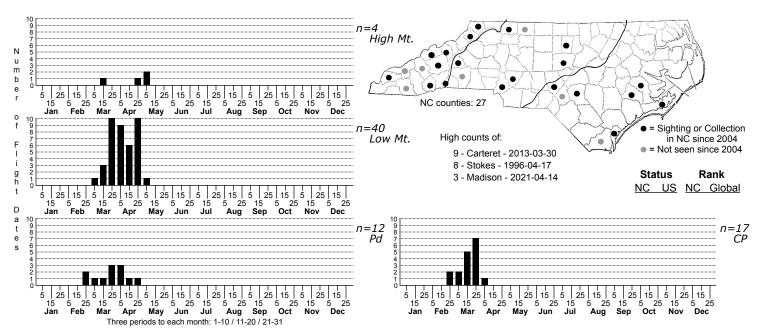
## Phyllodesma americana Lappet Moth



FAMILY: Lasiocampidae SUBFAMILY: Lasiocampinae TRIBE: Gastropachini TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

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

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: Woodlands and forests (Wagner, 2005). North Carolina records come come predominately from mesic hardwood forests.

FOOD: Polyphagous, feeding on many hardwood trees and shrubs, including Alder, Apple, Birch, Cherry, Ironwood, Oak, Poplar, and Willow (Wagner, 2005)

## 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: Records are fairly sparse for what is a widespread species that uses a variety of common habitats. It's early flight period may cause it to be undersampled.