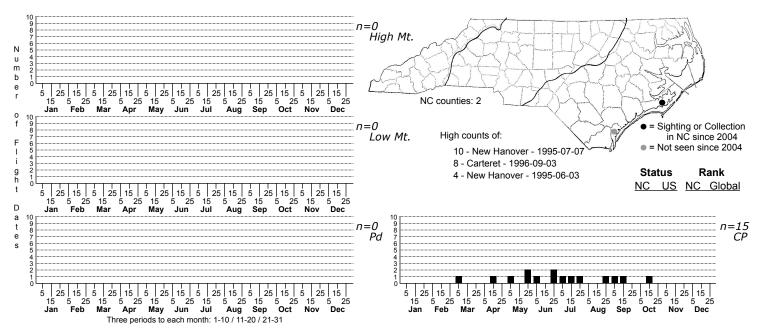
Neoplynes eudora No common name



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Arctiinae TRIBE: Arctiini

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: The sole member of its genus in North America. Neoplynes had been included in the Lichen Moths in the MONA Checklist but was moved to the Arctiini by Ferguson and Opler (2006).

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: (None)

ONLINE PHOTOS: MPG, Bugguide, BAMONA

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Dyar (1894 -- description; available online via Bugguide)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES: (None)

ID COMMENTS: Similar in size and shape to Pagara simplex but has translucent white wings instead of grayish-brown and a white abdomen instead of yellow with gray spots (Dyar, 1894). Smaller than Cycnia species and more translucent; also lacks the yellow costal edge found in C. tenera.

DISTRIBUTION: Found only along the immediate coast, from Carteret County southward

FLIGHT COMMENT: Recorded over most of the growing season

HABITAT: All of our records come from the borders of salt marshes or from adjoining dune habitats.

FOOD: Larval host plants are unknown (Heppner, 2003)

OBSERVATION_METHODS: Comes at least moderately well to blacklights and building lights; no efforts have been made to sample it using bait

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 S2S3

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

COMMENTS: Appears to be restricted to marsh edges along barrier islands where it is likely to be vulnerable to coastal development. Sea-level rise is also likely to cause loss of habitat, although may create new habitat in other areas.