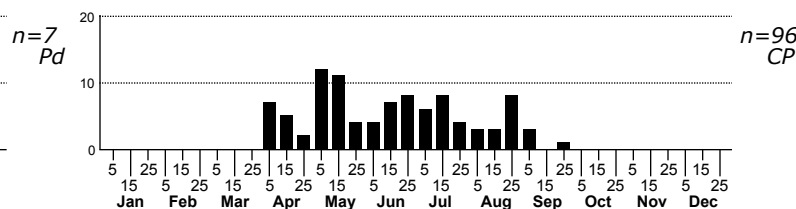
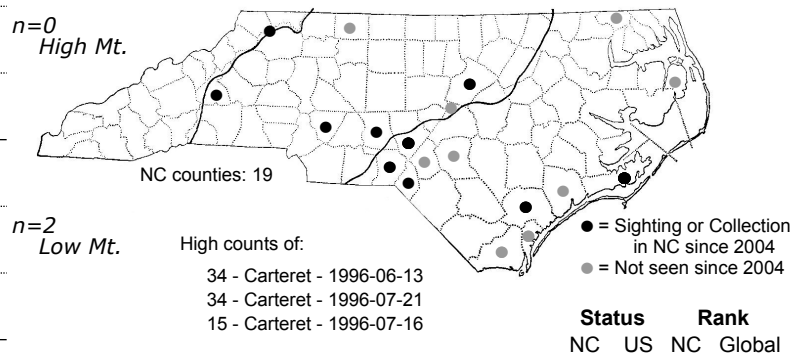
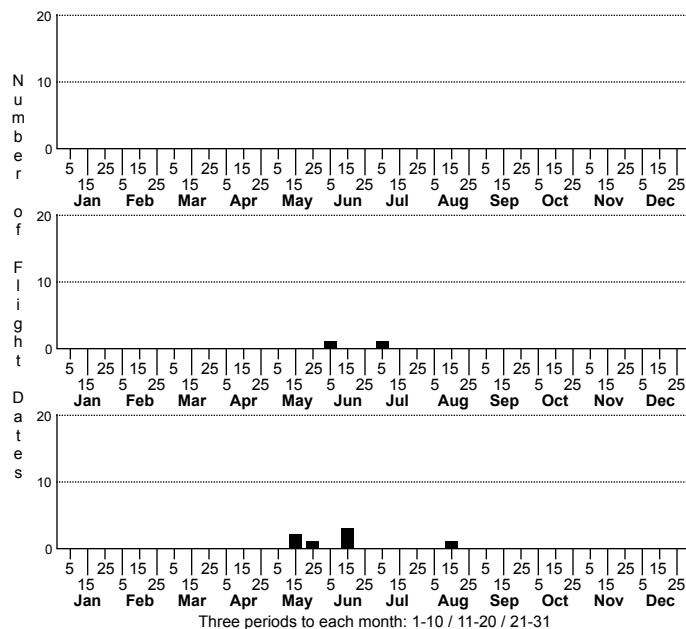


Ponometia semiflava Half-yellow Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Acontiinae TRIBE: Acontiini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: One of 34 species in this genus that occur in North America north of Mexico (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010), six of which have been recorded in North Carolina

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984; as *Tarachidia semiflava*)

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: The majority of our records come from dune grasslands on the barrier islands, with another large portion from dry Pine-Scrub Oak Sandhills. Our few Piedmont records come from lake shores, powerlines, woodlands, and other dry, open habitats

FOOD: Larvae are polyphagous on Composite species, with the following specifically listed for North Carolina: Maryland Goldenaster (*Chrysopsis mariana*), Camphorweed (*Heterotheca subaxillalis*) (Wagner et al., 2011)

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 S4S5

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

COMMENTS: