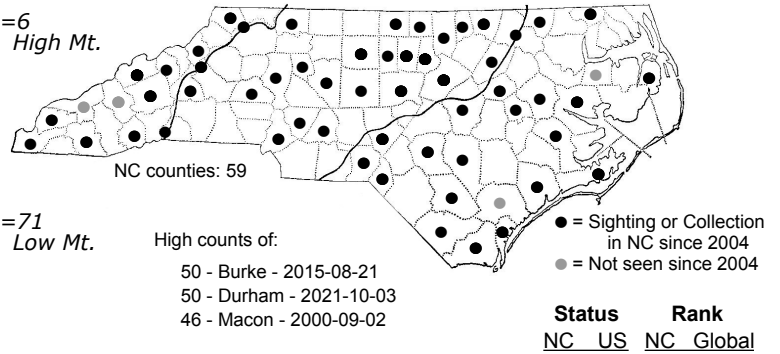
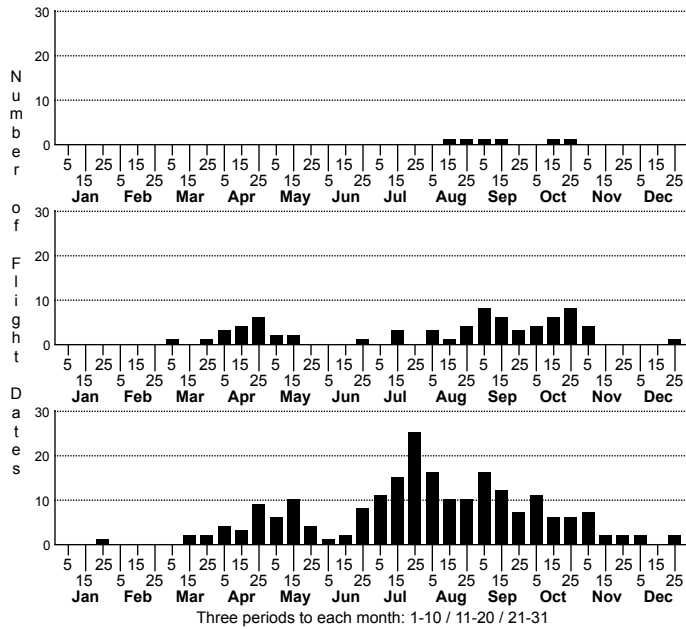


# *Atteva aurea* Ailanthus Webworm Moth



FAMILY: Yponomeutidae SUBFAMILY: Attevinae TRIBE: [Attevini]  
TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

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

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Wilson et al. (2010)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: This species is found statewide, though it is rare at higher elevations in the mountains.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Larvae have been recorded feeding on the introduced Tree-of-heaven (<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>), and we are unaware of any other documented host plants that are found in our state. Tree-of-heaven is common in North Carolina, but absent from much of the coastal plain. The essentially statewide distribution of <i>Atteva aurea</i> suggests that it may be using other hosts plants as well.

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SE

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

COMMENTS: This species was formerly resident in South America but has recently expanded into North America due to a host plant switch to <i>Ailanthus</i>.