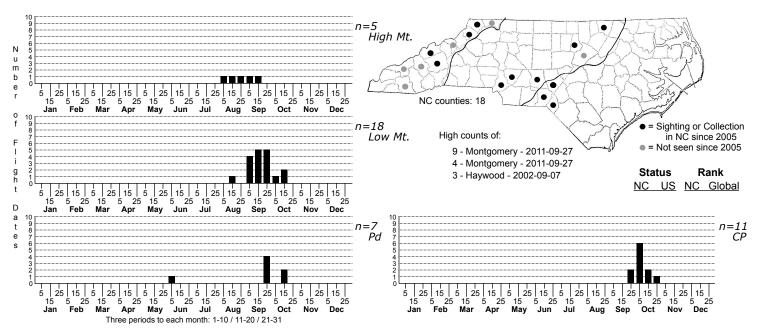
## Lacinipolia meditata Thinker Moth



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

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: The ground color is dark brown to reddish brown, variably shaded with gray and with a partial coverage with white scale tips producing a violet effect, particularly towards the outer margin (Forbes, 1954). The costa and cell are fuscous and the subterminal space is usually gray. The antemedian and postmedian are waved, filled with pale gray, and outlined with black on the side towards the median. The subterminal is slightly irregular and lacks a W-mark. The orbicular and reniform are outlined by pale gray but the filling is the same as the ground color or slightly paler; the claviform is absent. The hindwings are fuscous but somewhat paler between the veins towards the base.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

## HABITAT:

FOOD: Larvae are polyphagous, with reported hosts including Broomsedge (<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>), Common Apple (<i>Malus domestica</i>), Cultivated Tobacco (<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>), Kentucky Bluegrass (<i>Poa pratensis</i>), goldenrod (<i>Solidago</i>), Common Dandelion (<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>), clover (<i>Trifolium</i>), and grape (<i>Vitis</i>) (Crumb, 1932; Heppner, 2007).

## **OBSERVATION METHODS:**

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S3S4]

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

## COMMENTS: