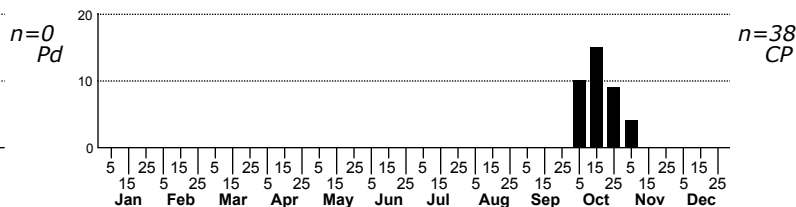
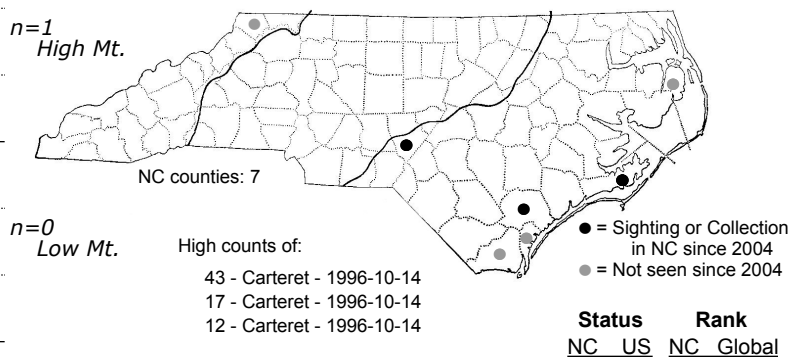
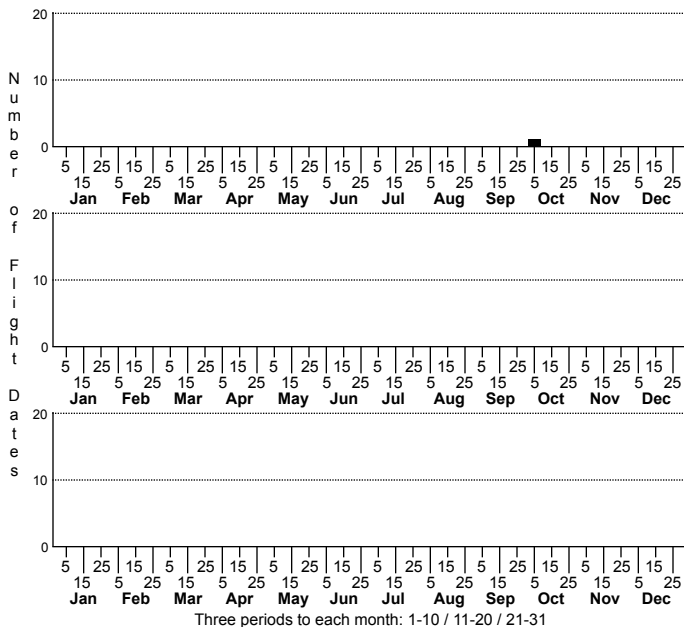


Agrotis vetusta Old Man Dart Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Noctuini

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

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: Generally associated with sandy habitats (Forbes, 1954) and nearly all of our records come from barrier islands. One historic record comes from the Sandhills and one recent record comes from the top of Mt. Jefferson, probably representing a migrant.

FOOD: Polyphagous, reportedly feeding on a wide range of herbaceous plants, including many crop species (Robinson et al., 2010). Among the hosts listed by Covell (1984) are corn, cotton, lettuce, peach, tomato, turnip, and watermelon. We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 S4

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

COMMENTS: