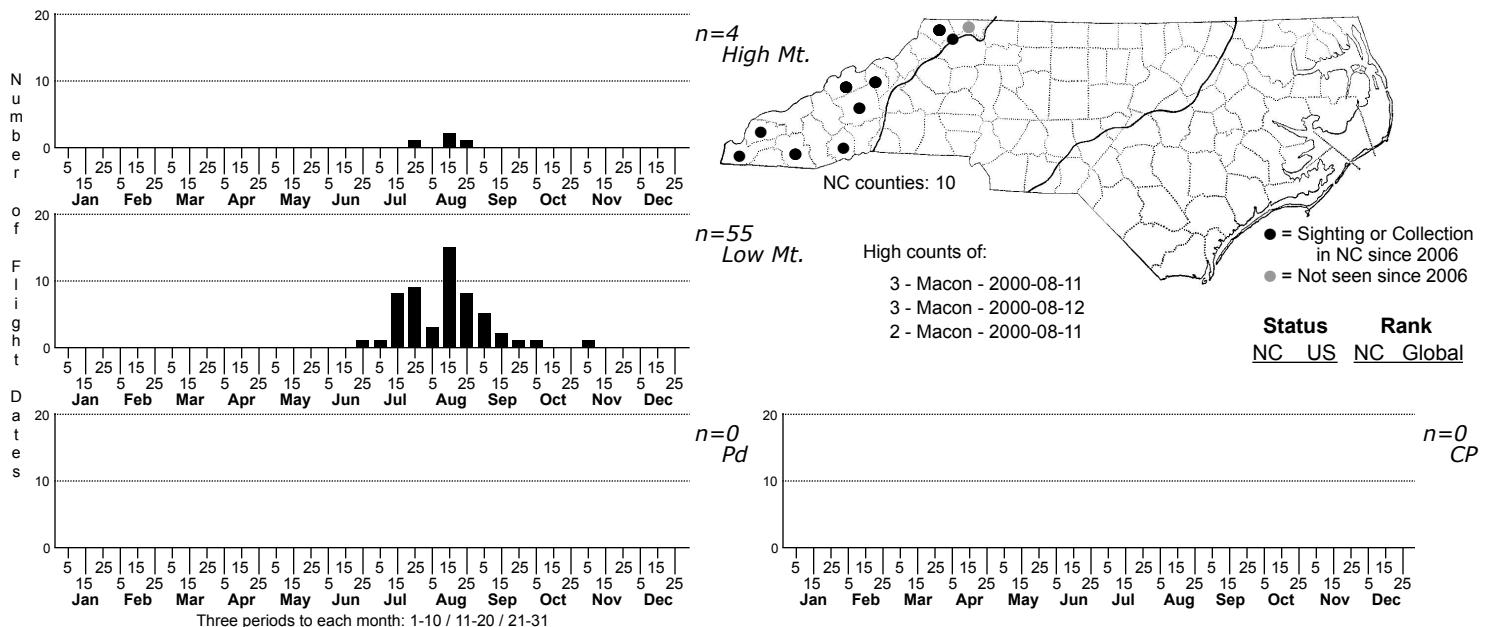


# *Xestia praevia* Praevia Dart



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Noctuini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Lafontaine (1998)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: This species is similar to *Xestia elinata* in its markings but has a darker gray ground color, which is often suffused with reddish (Lafontaine, 1998). The transverse lines can also be relatively obscure. It is also smaller and flies in the summer rather than the fall and early winter. For specimens observed in late summer, size is probably the most reliable way of distinguishing this species.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Larvae feed on a wide range of conifers, including fir (*Abies*), larch (*Larix*), spruce (*Picea*), pine (*Pinus*), and hemlock (*Tsuga*) (Wagner et al., 2011).

OBSERVATION METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 SNR [S3S4]

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

COMMENTS: