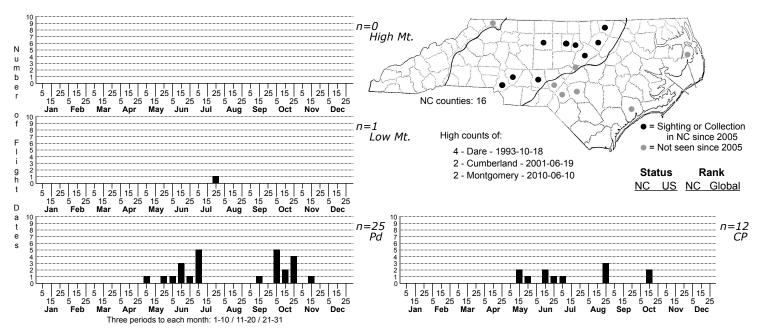
Abagrotis magnicupida One-dotted Dart



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

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: The ground color is typically a brick red. The spots and lines are usually poorly marked but there is a conspicuous black patch located on the costa just before the subterminal line; a black spot may also occur in the lower part of the reniform. The labial palpus is black on the sides (Lafontaine, 1998).

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our records come from a wide variety of habitats, ranging from the barrier islands to montane river valleys. Both open, herb-dominated habitats and closed-canopy forests are used, as are both nutrient-rich and nutrient-poor habitats.

FOOD: Lafontaine (1998) listed Choke Cherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i>) as a host. However, Wagner et al. (2011) stated that larvae are polyphagous, feeding on many species of both herbaceous and woody plants. We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

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: