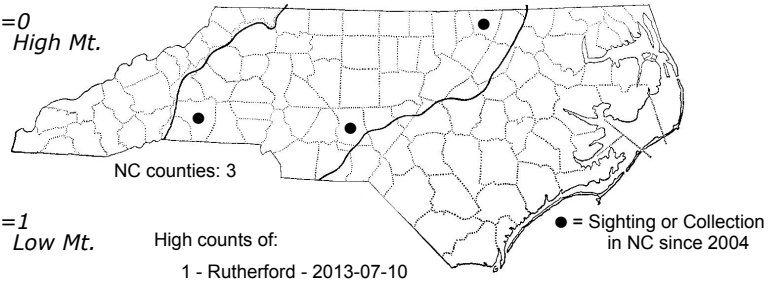
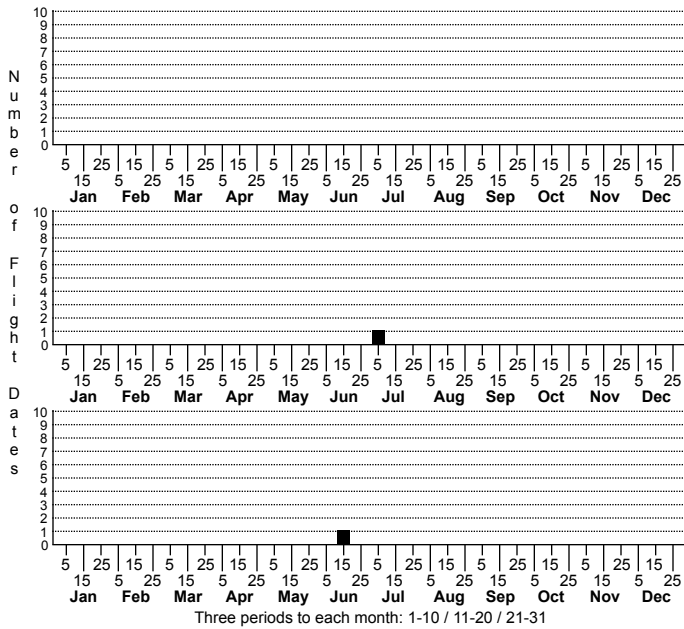


Abagrotis brunneipennis Yankee Dart



Status	Rank
NC	US
NC	Global

FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Noctuini
 TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Lafontaine (1998)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: The forewings are dark brown with a glossy sheen, but paler orange-brown and yellow-brown forms also occur. (Lafontaine, 1998). The lines and spots are barely evident. In some specimens, the antemedial and subterminal areas are entirely black, and a diffuse area of black is located on the costa just proximal to the subterminal line. The side of labial palpus is mostly black, contrasting with color of head and thorax. *Abagrotis cupida* is similar but typically has a much more strongly marked black patch on the costa just before the subterminal line (Lafontaine, 1998). In both *alternata* and *anchoceliodes*, the spots are much more strongly marked and are much larger in *alternata*. The side of the palpus is reddish brown in both of the those species and is only slightly darker than the head and thorax.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: According to Lafontaine (1998), this species is associated with blueberry in sandy areas; primarily in Canadian zone habitats of Canada and northern United States.

FOOD: Larvae have been found on blueberry on a number of occasions (*Vaccinium* spp.) (Lafontaine, 1998). We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS:

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

COMMENTS: