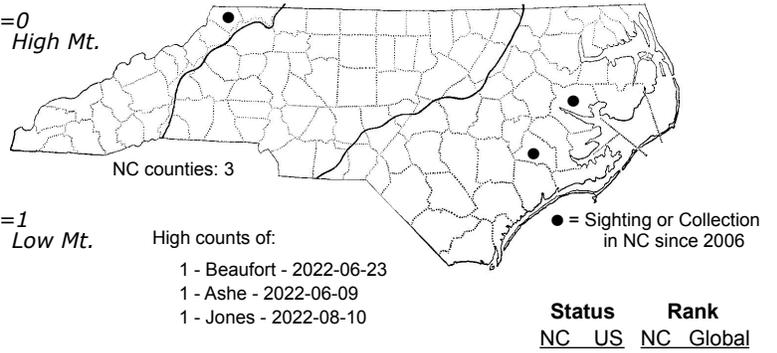
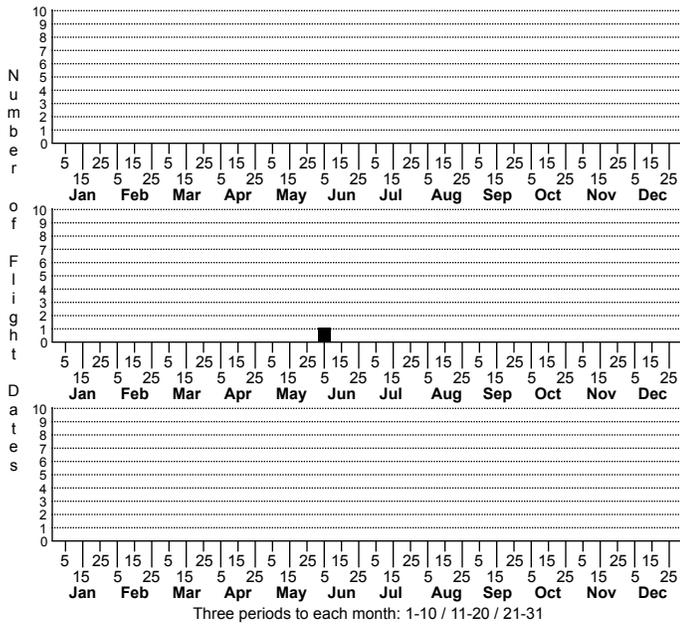


Aterpia approximana Sparkling Aterpia



FAMILY: Tortricidae SUBFAMILY: Olethreutinae TRIBE: Olethreutini
 TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:
 ONLINE PHOTOS:
 TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:
 TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Gilligan et al. (2008) reported that adults fly from June to early September in the Midwest, which suggests that there may be two broods per year.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Larvae are reported to feed on loosestrifes (*Lysimachia* and *Steironema*), Seaside Brookweed (*Samolus parviflorus*), and possibly a *Lythrum*, but the latter was likely a species of *Lysimachia* (Heinrich, 1926; Ferguson, 1975; Godfrey et al. 1987; Eiseman and Feldman, 2024). In North Carolina, Tracy Feldman reared a larva from Seaside Brookweed (*Samolus parviflorus*), while several individuals have reared adults from Fringed Loosestrife (*Steironema ciliatum* = *Lysimachia ciliata*) from more northern locales (Eiseman and Feldman, 2024).

OBSERVATION_METHODS: The adults are attracted to lights; we need additional observations on host use in North Carolina.

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: