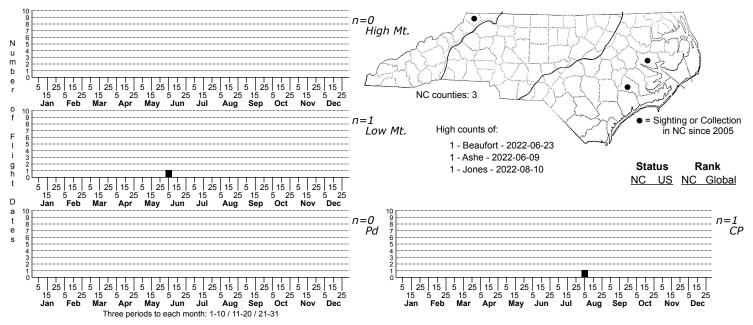
Aterpia approximana Sparkling Aterpia



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 (<i>Lysimachia</i> and <i>Steironema</i>), Seaside Brookweed (<i>Samolus parviflorus</i>), and possibly a <i>Lythrum</i>, but the latter was likely a species of <i>Lysimachia</i> (Heinrich, 1926; Ferguson, 1975; Godfrey et al. 1987; Eiseman and Feldman, 2024). In North Carolina, Tracy Feldman reared a larva from Seaside Brookweed (<i>Samolus parviflorus</i>), while several individuals have reared adults from Fringed Loosestrife (<i>Steironema ciliatum</i> = <i>Lysimachia ciliata</i>) 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: