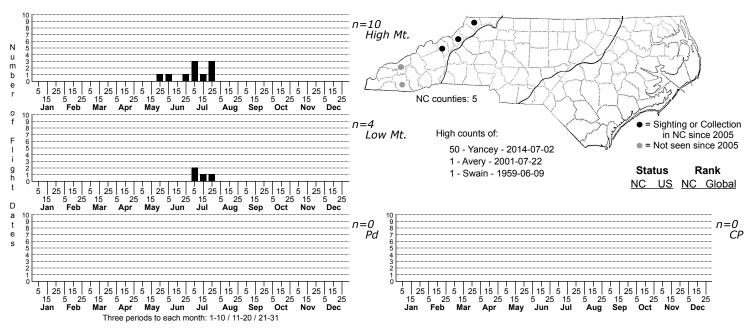
## Rheumaptera hastata Spear-marked Black Moth



FAMILY: Geometridae SUBFAMILY: Larentiinae TRIBE: Hydriomenini TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Beadle and Leckie (2012)

**ONLINE PHOTOS:** 

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

## ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Woodlands and forests, especially along edges (Wagner et al., 2001). North Carolina records come from mid- to high-elevation forests, including cove forests, northern hardwoods, and spruce-fir.

FOOD: Larvae are polyphagous, feeding on many hardwood trees and shrubs. Wagner et al. (2001) specifically list alder (<i>Alnus</i>), birch (<i>Betula</i>), Sweet-fern (<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>), hazel (<i>Corylus</i>), Sweet-gale (<i>Myrica gale</i>), poplar (<i>Populus</i>), willow (<i>Salix</i>), and blueberry (<i>Vaccinium</i>).

## OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S2S3]

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

## COMMENTS: