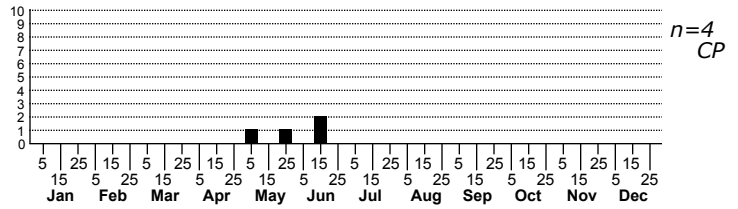
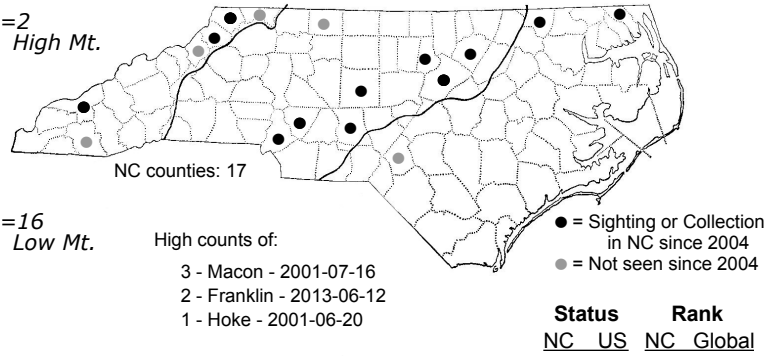
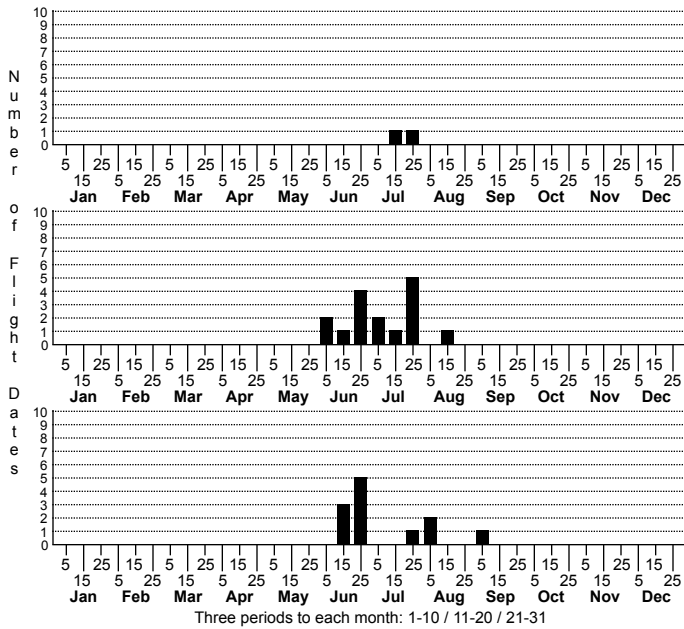


*Idia denticulalis* Toothed Idia Moth



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Herminiinae TRIBE:

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: One of eighteen species recorded in North America (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010), twelve of which are found in North Carolina.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Forbes (1954)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: A medium-sized *Idia* with a powdery luteous ground color shaded with fuscous (Forbes, 1954). The lines are contrastingly black and deeply dentate, particularly the postmedian, and a strong blackish shade is present in the middle of the wing below the cell. The orbicular is typically obscure but the reniform is usually fairly large, pale, and possessing a fuscous central lunule. The hindwings are similarly luteous but often paler and with more diffuse fuscous lines. Overall, the luteous ground color is similar to that of *Idia laurentii*, but the lines in that species are less dentate and it lacks the dark medial shade.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Most of our records come from riparian habitats, shorelines, or other wet forested areas. A few also come from cove forests and from one ridge in the Piedmont that has a large number of upland depressions.

FOOD: Larvae feed on dead leaves and other detritus; also on lichens (Wagner et al., 2011)

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 S3S4

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

COMMENTS: