

Zanclognatha laevigata Variable Zanclognatha

FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Herminiinae TRIBE:

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: One of thirteen species in this genus that occur in North America north of Mexico (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010; 2013; Wagner and McCabe, 2011), all of which have been recorded in North Carolina

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); 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: Our records come almost entirely from mesic forests. In the Mountains, it occurs in riparian and cove forests at lower elevations and northern hardwoods higher up. In the Piedmont and Coastal Plain, it has been found in or near mesic hardwood slopes.

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

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S4S5]

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

COMMENTS: