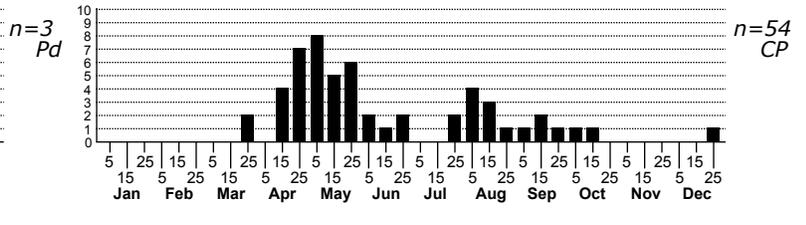
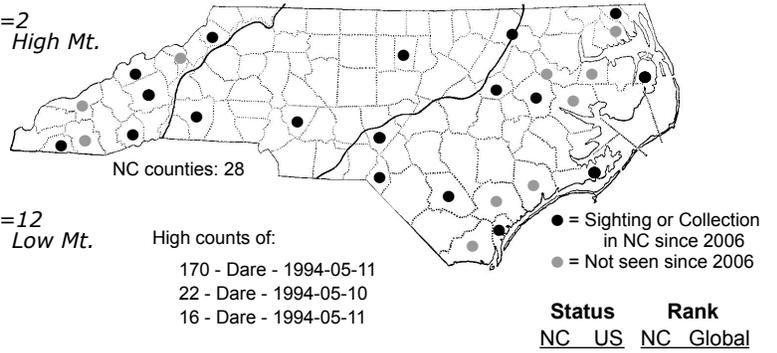
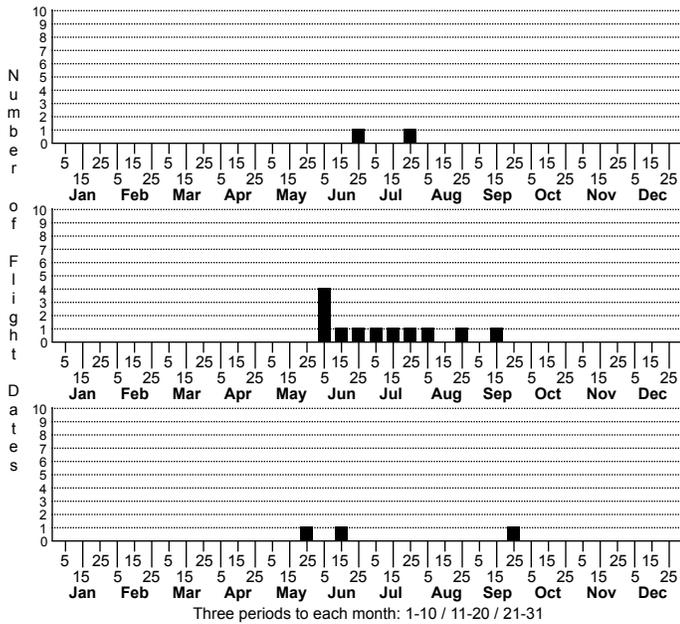


Renia salusalis Dotted Renia



FAMILY: Erebiidae SUBFAMILY: Herminiinae TRIBE:
 TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES: Wagner et al. (2011)

ID COMMENTS: The head, palps, thorax, and ground color of the forewings range from pale luteous to buff or leather-colored, with the females often brighter or redder than the males (Smith, 1895; Forbes, 1954). The antemedian and postmedian are single, dark, and dentate; the postmedian may be reduced to a series of dark dots. The subterminal usually consists of a series of white dots preceded and followed by black dots, often producing an ocellated appearance. A series of dark terminal dots is also present and a dark median shade is often present but obscure along the costa. The orbicular and reniform spots are yellow; the orbicular may be missing and the reniform typically narrow with black dots on either end. Hindwings are duller and somewhat paler.

DISTRIBUTION: While we have records spanning the state, the species is most commonly found in the Coastal Plain in North Carolina. It is relatively uncommon in the mountains, and apparently absent from much of the Piedmont.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: This species is associated with mesic to dry forests (Wagner et al., 2011). Our records come from sites that meet that general description but fall primarily into just a few types: maritime forests; pond-pine woodlands and non-riverine swamp forests; and dry upland woodlands. The one common denominator is the presence of pines, the color of dead needles is a good match for the coloration of this moth.

FOOD: Feeding preferences are not well documented but larvae are believed to feed on dead leaves and other detritus (Wagner et al., 2011).

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S3S4]

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

COMMENTS: