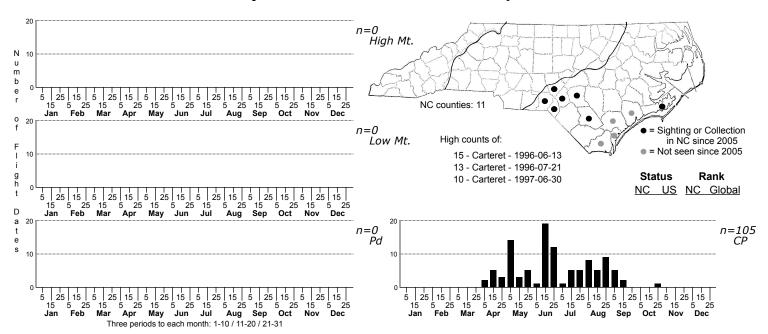
Hemeroplanis habitalis Black-dotted Hemeroplanis



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Phytometrinae TRIBE: TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: The ground color of the forewings is typically leather-brown to reddish-brown, lacking the variability found in <i>scopulepes</i>. Both the antemedial and postmedial lines are pale, sometimes edged with darker brown. They run evenly across the wing, with dark spots often overlying them. No median line is present but there is usually a conspicuous subterminal line consisting of a series of black and white spots. The orbicular spot is missing (contrary to Forbes' key) but the reniform is large and black. There is usually a series of terminal dark spots.

DISTRIBUTION: Our records all come from the Coastal Plain, including the barrier islands.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: This species is common on barrier islands where it occurs in both open dunes and maritime forests. Inland populations are associated with similarly open, sandy, herbaceous habitats.

FOOD: Host plants are apparently unknown.

OBSERVATION METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR SNR [S3S4]

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

COMMENTS: