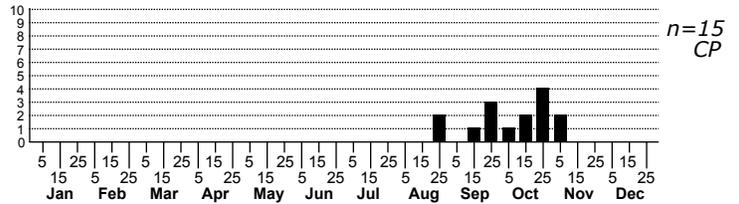
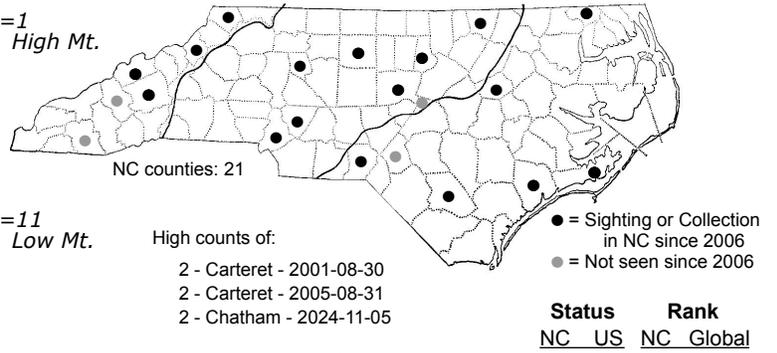
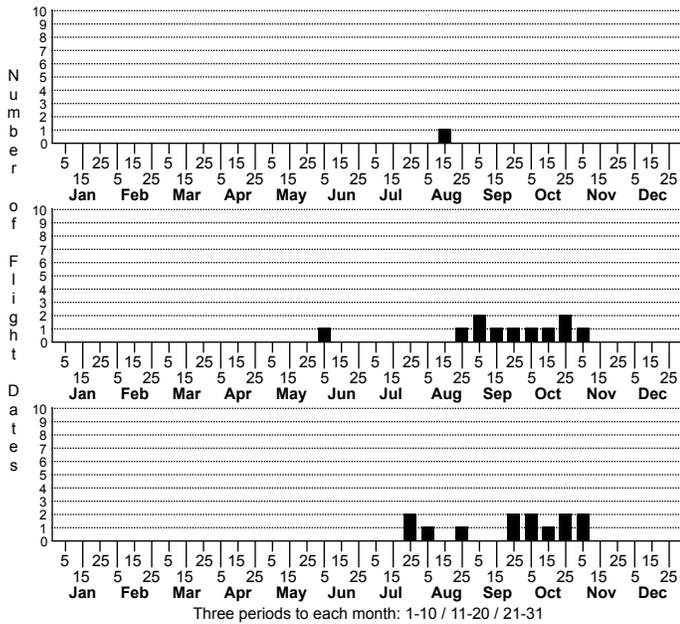


# *Anomis erosa* Yellow Scallop Moth



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Scoliopteryginae TRIBE: Anomini  
 TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Forbes (1954)

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

ID COMMENTS: This species is very similar in appearance to *Rusicada privata*. In contrast to *R. privata*, *A. erosa* has a well-developed tooth on both the antemedian and postmedian lines. In *R. privata*, the antemedian line appears scalloped, without the obvious tooth of *A. erosa*. *A. erosa* generally has a more yellowish ground color compared with *R. privata*, which can be heavily dusted with reddish scales. But there seems to be some overlap between redder specimens of *A. erosa* and more yellow specimens of *R. privata*, so coloration may not be a reliable means of distinguishing the species.

DISTRIBUTION: Essentially found statewide in North Carolina, but rare at higher elevations in the mountains.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Habitats are mainly open, including brushlands, croplands, marshes (Wagner et al., 2011).

FOOD: Larvae feed on many species in the Malvaceae, including cultivated species and native mallows (Wagner et al., 2011). Wagner (2005) specifically lists Hollyhock (*Alcea rosea*), Upland Cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*) and *Hibiscus*. We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

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: