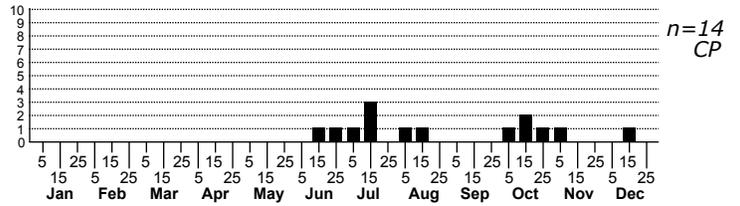
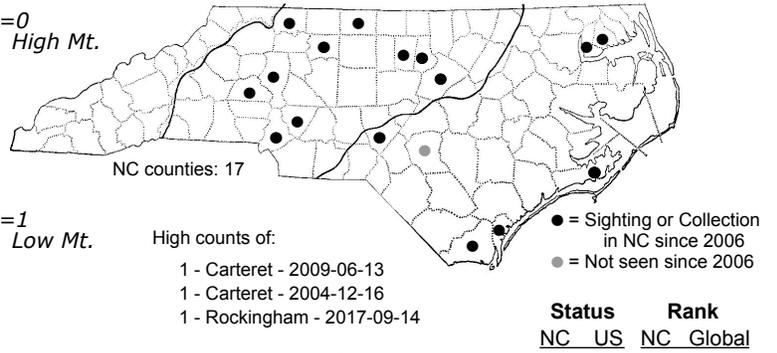
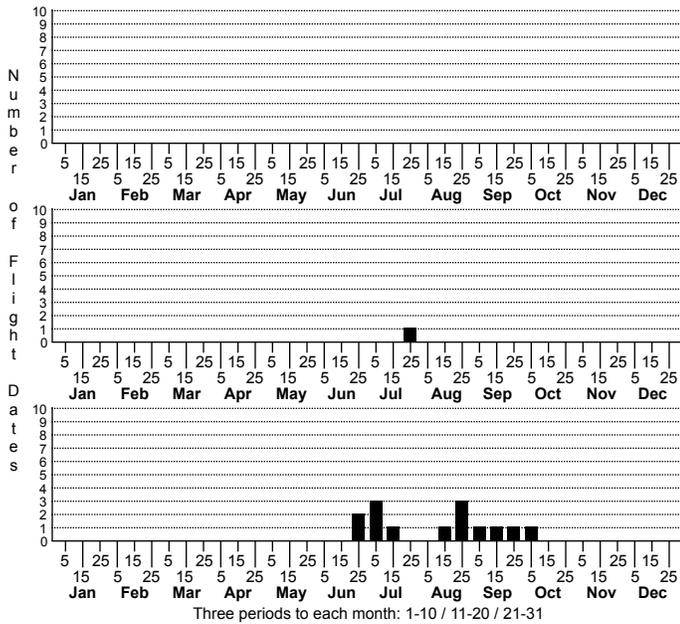


*Ascalapha odorata* Black Witch



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Erebinae TRIBE: Thersini  
 TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

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

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

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

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: We have scattered and apparently random records from the Coastal Plain and Piedmont.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Among the many host plants listed by various authors, only locusts (*Robinia* spp.) are native to North Carolina (Robinson et al., 2010), though *Ascalapha odorata* is probably only present in our state as a stray.

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [SNA]

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

COMMENTS: This spectacular species occurs in North Carolina only as an uncommon stray up from the tropics.