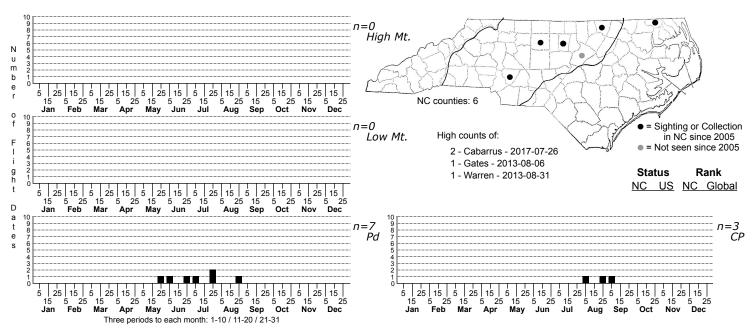
## Spragueia apicalis Yellow Spragueia



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Acontiinae TRIBE: Acontiini TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984)

**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 almost all come from pond, lake, and stream shorelines, all habitats where <i>Sida spinosa</i> can be found.

FOOD: Wagner et al. (2011) reported larvae on Prickly Fanpetals (<i>Sida spinosa</i>). While records from other hosts seem questionable, <i>Sida spinosa</i> is not native. The only native species of <i>Sida</i> in the state is Elliott's Fanpetals (<i>Sida elliottii</i>), now a very rare species but one that appears to occupy similar habitats as <i>S. spinosa</i> We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina. There is also a BugGuide record (George Smiley, 2018) of a larva feeding on Carolina Bristlemallow (<i>Modiola caroliniana</i> in Texas. In spite of its name, <i>M. caroliniana</i> is not native to North Carolina, but can be found as an introduced species in disturbed habitats and wood edges (Vascular Plants of North Carolina).

## OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR SNR [S2S3]

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

**COMMENTS:**