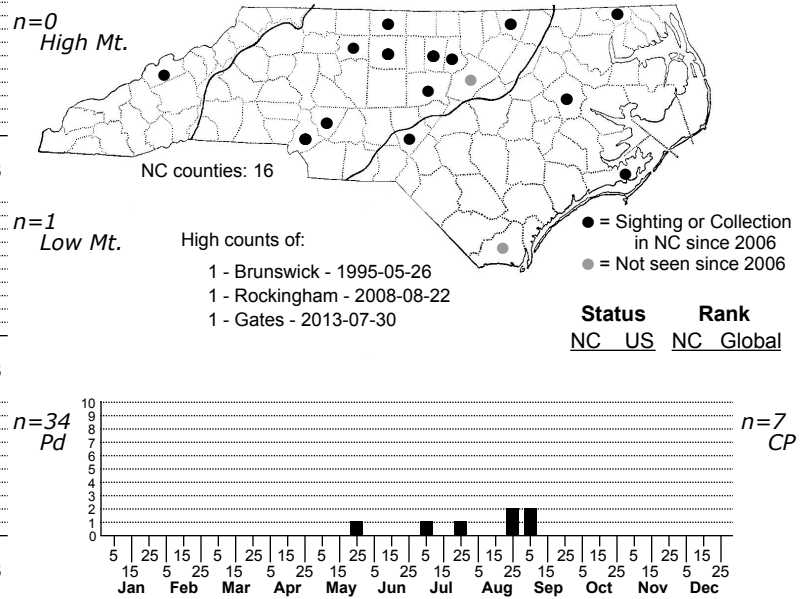
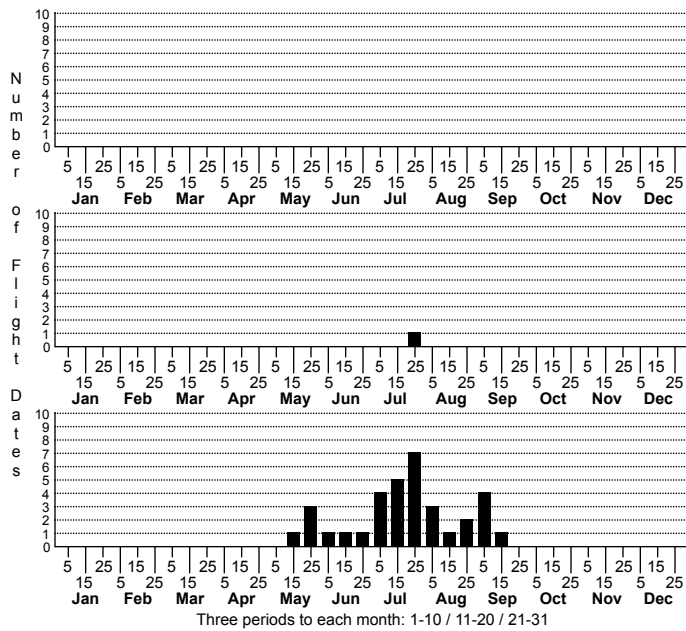


Tarache aprica Exposed Bird-dropping Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Acontiinae TRIBE: Acontiini
TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984; as *Acontia aprica*); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

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: Almost all records where this species has been found in North Carolina come from pond, lake, and river shorelines.

FOOD: Larvae feed on species of the Malvaceae, including *Hibiscus*, cultivated Hollyhock (*Alcea rosea*), and presumably other native mallows (Wagner et al., 2011).

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4G5 SNR [S3S4]

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

COMMENTS: