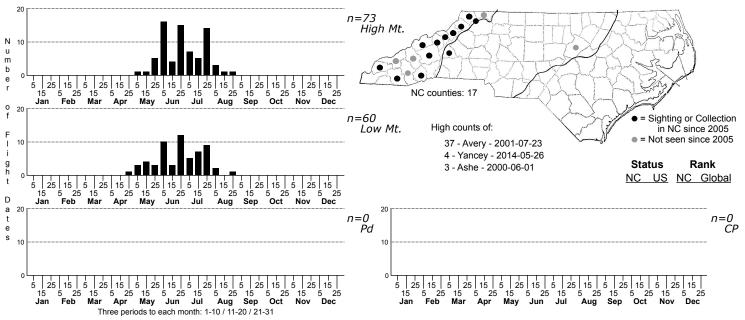
## Acronicta innotata Unmarked Dagger



## FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Acronictinae TRIBE:

TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS: One of 74 species in this genus found in North America north of Mexico (Schmidt and Anweiler, 2020), 42 of which have been recorded in North Carolina. <i>Acronicta innotata</i> is a member of Species Group II of Forbes (1954), which includes 17 additional species in North Carolina.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); Beadle and Leckie (2012) ONLINE PHOTOS: TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Forbes (1954); Schmidt and Anweiler (2020) TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

## ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: The majority of our records come from cove forests or northern hardwood forests.

FOOD: Larvae are reported to feed primarily on birches (<i>Betula</i> spp.), but have also been recorded on hickory (<i>Carya</i>), poplar (<i>Populus</i>), mountain-ash (<i>Sorbus</i>), Fire Cherry (<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>), and serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier</i>) - all constituents of northern hardwoods - plus several others associated with mesic or wet habitats. 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: