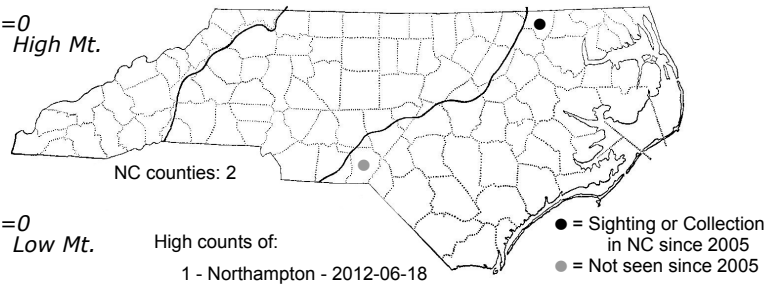
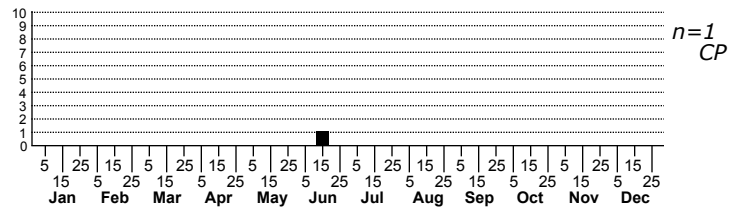


# *Bellura gortynoides* White-tailed Diver Moth



Status	Rank
NC	US
NC	Global



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Arzamini  
TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: The ground color of the forewings is yellow to buff and lacks the pale and dark shadings found in the *obliqua-densa* group (Forbes, 1954). The postmedian is deeply scalloped, with the scallops deeper than wide and accented on the veins.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our one recent record comes from a floodplain terrace crossed by an extensive semi-open slough.

FOOD: Larvae feed on Broadleaf Pond-lily (*Nuphar advena*) and possibly other *Nuphar* species (Wagner et al., 2011). Tietz (1972) also lists Pickerelweed (*Pontederia cordata*) and cattail (*Typha*). We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 SNR [S2S2]

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

COMMENTS: We have only two records for this species in North Carolina, one of which is historic.