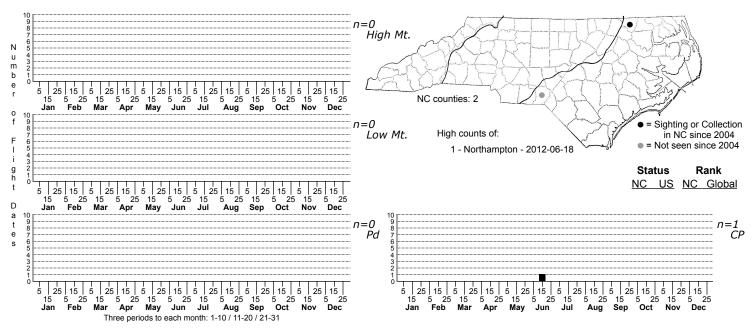
## **Bellura gortynoides** White-tailed Diver Moth



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 <i>obliqua-densa</i> 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 (<i>Nuphar advena</i>) (Wagner et al., 2011). Covell (1984) also lists Pickerelweed (<i>Pontederia cordata</i>) and cattail (<i>Typha</i>).

**OBSERVATION METHODS:** 

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 S2S4

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

COMMENTS: