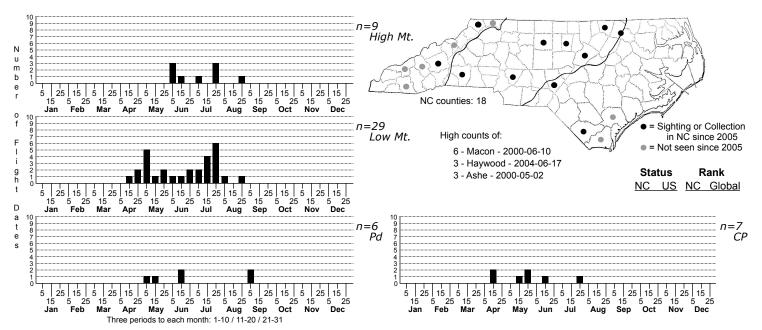
## Balsa malana Many-dotted Appleworm Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Balsinae TRIBE: TAXONOMIC COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); 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: Our records come from both riparian and upland hardwood forests.

FOOD: Larvae feed primarily on apple and crabapple (<i>Malus</i> spp.) but have also been reported from serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier</i>), and cherry and plum (<i>Prunus</i> spp.); reports from other hosts such as elm (<i>Ulmus</i>) are probably in error. (Wagner et a., 2011). We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

## OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S3S4]

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

COMMENTS: