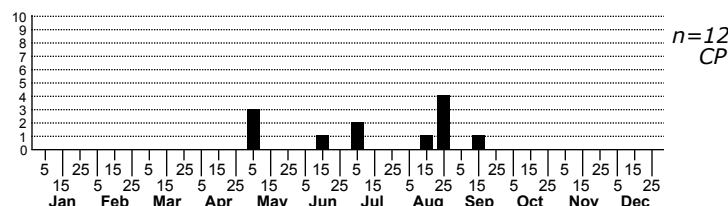
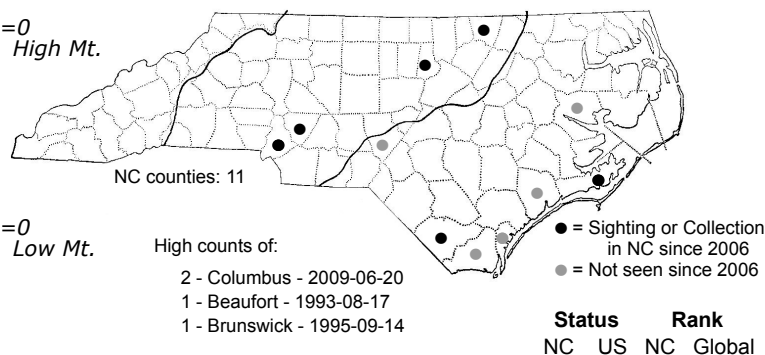
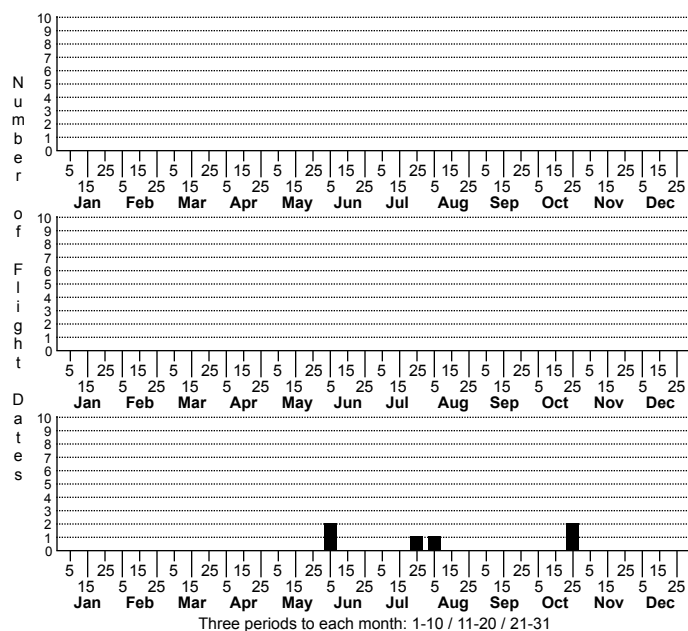


## *Condica cupentia*    Spotted Groundling



FAMILY: Noctuidae    SUBFAMILY: Condicinae    TRIBE: Condicini  
TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Poole (2017)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: According to Poole (2017), the white of the median area and subapical blotch are tinged with dull red-brown in males of cupentia, but not confederata. The claviform spot is also usually present in cupentia, but is smaller than in confederata, where it is strong, black, and contrasts with the white of the median area. Females are best identified by dissection but in cupentia, the forewing lacks the scattered dark red-brown scales that are present in confederata along the median area along the inner margin of the forewing.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our records come primarily from open, herbaceous areas near water, including marshes, savannas, and lake shorelines.

FOOD: Larvae feed on composites, including *Bidens*, *Mikania*, and *Pluchea* (Robinson et al., 2010). We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR SNR [S2S3]

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

COMMENTS: