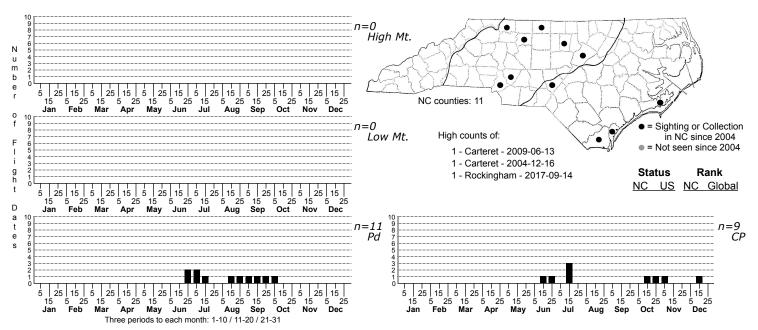
## Ascalapha odorata Black Witch Moth



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Erebinae TRIBE: Thermesiini 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:

FOOD: Among the many plants listed by various authors, only locusts (<i>Robinia spp.</i>) are native to North Carolina (Robinson et al., 2010), though this species is probably only present in our state as a stray.

## **OBSERVATION METHODS:**

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNA

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

COMMENTS: This spectacular species occurs in North Carolina only as an uncommon stray