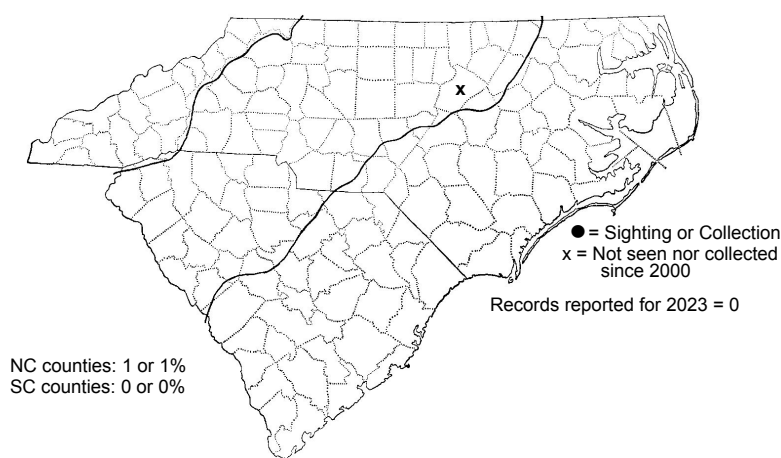
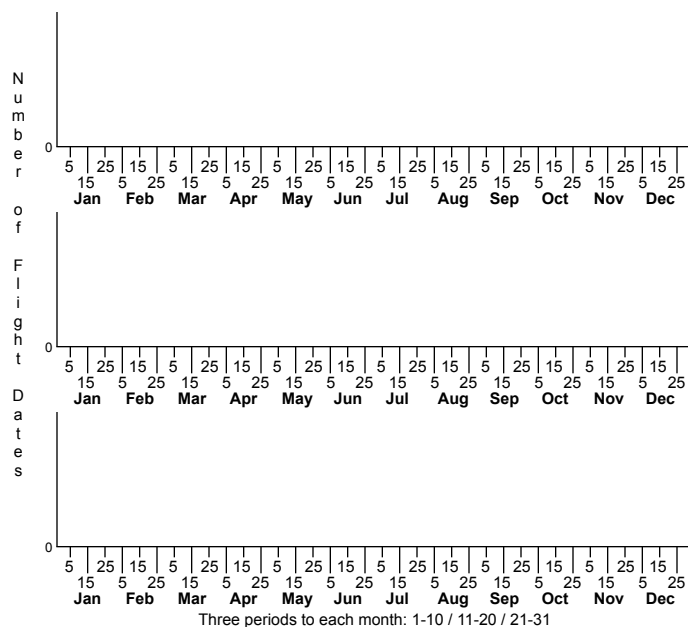


Milbert's Tortoiseshell *Aglais milberti*



NC counties: 1 or 1%
SC counties: 0 or 0%

Earliest date: ?
Latest date: ?

Synonym: *Nymphalis milberti*

Status and Rank
State Global
SA G5

DISTRIBUTION: One old record (1938 or earlier), for Wake County. This is a Northern species, ranging southward normally to southern PA and southern OH.

ABUNDANCE: Accidental.

FLIGHT PERIOD: The NC record is listed in Brimley (1938) as only "November", with no day or year. As with the Mourning Cloak, adults overwinter, with two broods during the year.

HABITAT: Supposedly open fields near woodland edges, especially in or near wetlands.

FOOD AND NECTAR PLANTS: Nettles (Urticaceae) are the foodplants. Nectar plants are not known from the state, and are immaterial for NC.

COMMENTS: This is an accidental visitor that is not expected again. Interestingly, the Peterson field guide map (Opler and Malikul 1992) shows records for both SC and GA; however, the Butterflies and Moths of North America [BAMONA] website range maps show no Milbert's Tortoiseshell records for these two states. Thus, the NC record, from Raleigh in November (prior to 1938), apparently is the southernmost for the Atlantic seaboard. There is a 1969 specimen taken in Louisiana, but as it was very close to the Mississippi River, it has been stated to almost certainly have been ship-carried down the river from a location in the Northern states.