

Acronicta perblanda Ferguson in Louisiana

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Ferguson (1988) described *Acronicta perblanda* (Fig. 1), a small noctuid associated with cypress swamps. The holotype and allotypes are from McClellanville, South Carolina (Wedge Plantation). Ferguson listed the distribution of *perblanda* to be Carteret County, North Carolina and Stoddard County, Missouri to northern Florida to southern Louisiana. Ferguson surmised that *perblanda* is univoltine as nearly all the known specimens of *perblanda* at the time of description were taken in April.

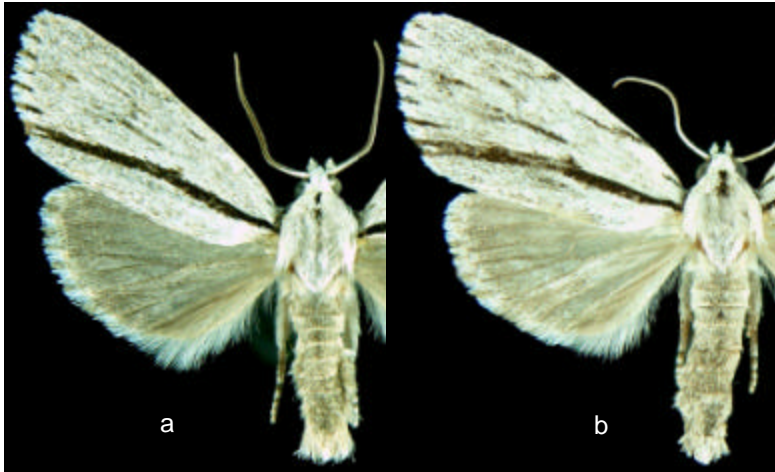


Fig. 1. *Acronicta perblanda*: a. male, b. female

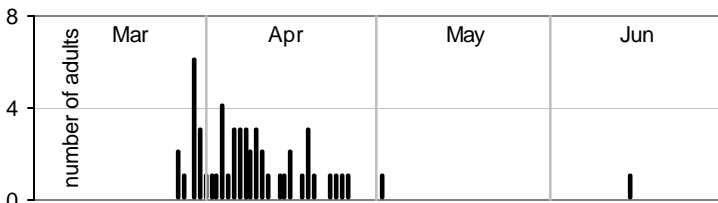


Fig. 2. *Acronicta perblanda* captured at sec.24T6SR12 4.2 mi. NE Abita Springs, Louisiana. n = 52

In Louisiana, *perblanda* is single brooded, flight peaking the first week of April (Fig. 2). In Louisiana, *perblanda* has been taken in only two southeastern parishes (Fig.3).



Fig. 3. Parish records.

Literature cited

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