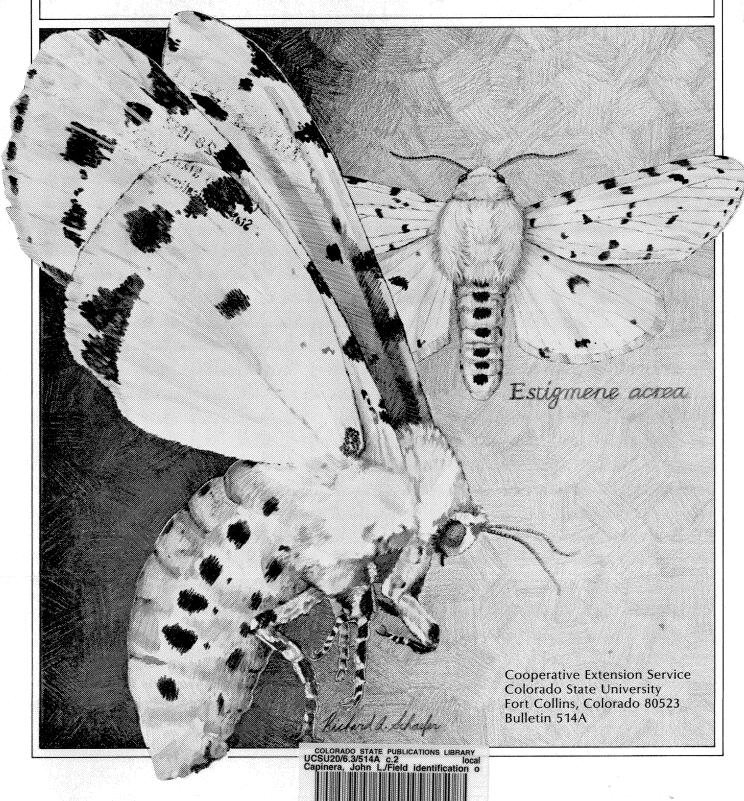
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Introduction

Light traps frequently are used to monitor adult populations of crop pests. Moths are the most common insect pests monitored in this manner. Light trap monitoring assists in the forecasting of impending pest problems, and in the detection of new or exotic pests. Accurate identification of pests can be difficult. Hence, this publication was developed to assist in the accurate determination of light trap specimens.

This key is designed for field use. Magnification is required only in the separation of a few species; a hand lens is adequate. Wing characteristics are used for most species separations. Forewings, and

dorsal views of wings, are described unless otherwise stated. The forewing characteristics used in this key are illustrated in Fig. 1.

Included in this key are a variety of pest and nonpest species commonly recovered from light traps. However, there are many other species, not included in this key, that commonly occur in light traps; these generally are not pests. Some species are variable in appearance, so they may appear in more than one place in the key. When attempting to identify moths, select specimens in good condition. If specimens are badly damaged, erroneous identifications may be obtained.

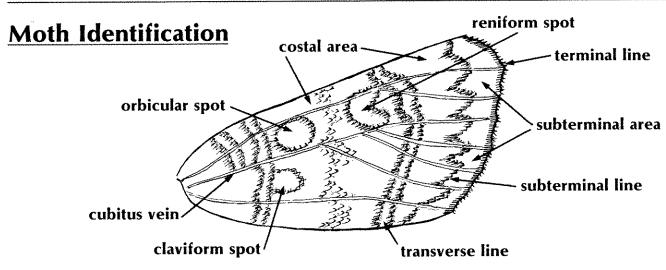


Figure 1 Diagram of forewing, showing characters used to separate species.

- 3a (2a) Ground color of forewing white; wing span 4 to 6 cm; numerous black spots usually scattered over fore and hind wing; hind wing orange in males, white in females; abdomen orange dorsally

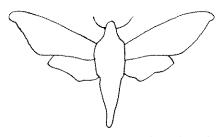


Figure 2 Moth with forewing length at least 1 1/2 times length of hind wing.

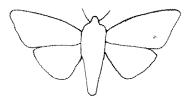


Figure 3 Moth with forewing only slightly longer than hind wing length; forewing not 1 1/2 times length of hind wing.

with a black dot on each segment.

Saltmarsh Caterpillar, Estigmene acrea (Drury)

(See plate 1)

Larvae feed on a wide variety of crops including sugarbeet, bean, vegetables and grasses.

[Several other species of no economic importance may key to this point, but they tend to have fewer spots, less orange on the abdomen, and generally are smaller; among the most common is vellow woollybear, Diacrisia virginica (Fabricius).1

Ground color of forewing grey-brown; 3b wing span 8 cm or greater 4

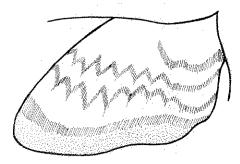


Figure 4 Tomato hornworm hind wing showing two narrow, irregular dark bands.

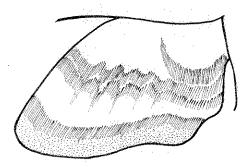


Figure 5 Tobacco hornworm hind wing showing two narrow bands fused into one broad, irregular dark band.

4a (3b) Two irregular, narrow dark bands centrally located on hind wing (Fig. 4).

Tomato Hornworm, Manduca guinquemaculata (Haworth)

(See plate 2)

Larvae feed on tomato, eggplant,

pepper and potato.

4b Two narrow bands fused into one indistinct, broad band centrally located on hind wing (Fig. 5).

> Tobacco Hornworm, Manduca sexta (Linneaus)

(See plate 3)

Larvae feed on tomato, eggplant, pepper and potato.

5a (2b)	Hind wing orange, rose or pink centrally
5 b	Hind wing grey centrally. Fourhorned Sphinx, Ceratomia amyntor (Geyer) and other sphinx moth species (See plate 4) Larvae feed on elm and other non-crop plants.
6a (5a)	Forewing 1 1/2 length of hind wing; forewing pointed; hind wing rose or

pink centrally. Whitelined Sphinx, Hyles lineata

(Fabricius) and other sphinx moth species

(See plate 5)

Larvae feed on purslane and other

non-crop plants.

6b Forewing only slightly longer than hind wing; forewing broadly rounded; hind wing usually orange centrally with two broad dark bands.

Mostly Underwing Moths, Catocala spp.

(See plate 6)

Larvae feed on deciduous trees and shrubs or other noncrop plants.

7a (1b) Hind wing orange centrally, usually with two broad dark bands.

> Mostly Underwing Moths, Catocala spp.

(See plate 6)

Larvae feed on deciduous trees and shrubs or other noncrop plants.

7b Hind wing not orange centrally, usually without broad dark bands or only one band 8

8a (7b) Costal area of forewing pale, contrasting strongly with darker ground color 9 8b

Costal area dark, or if pale, not contrasting strongly with ground color 13

9a (8a) Orbicular spot triangular in shape, lightcolored and contiguous with light costal area (Fig. 6); cubitus vein bordered by light area; hind wing white with broad dark band distally.

Dingy Cutworm, Feltia ducens Walk-

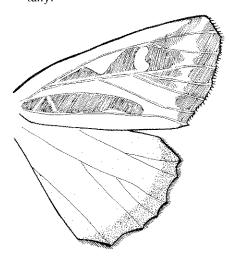
(See plate 7)

Larvae feed on corn, wheat, vegetables, clover and fruit trees.

[If specimen keying to this point lacks the light area bordering the cubitus vein, it may be a spotted cutworm...see 37a.1

9b Orbicular spot round or oval and not contiguous with light costal area; cubitus vein not bordered by light area; hind wing not bordered with broad dark band 10

Figure 6 Dingy cutworm forewing showing triangular orbicular spot and light costal area, and hind wing with dark band distally.



10a (9b)	Hind wing white; orbicular spot nearly
10b	round

11a (10a) Costal tan-colored area distinct; size medium, wing span about 4 cm; cubitus vein of forewing dark.

Western Bean Cutworm, Loxagrotis albicosta (Smith)

(See plate 8)

Larvae feed on corn and bean. Adults occur in late July and early August.

11b Costal grey-colored area less distinct; size small, wing span 3 cm or less; basal 2/3 of cubitus vein on forewing white.

Small Striped Cutworm, Euxoa niveilinea (Grote) (See plate 9)

Larvae feed on corn, wheat and clover.

[A similar species which is not known to be a pest is *E. quadridentata* Grote and Robinson. The thorax of this species, immediately behind the head, is tancolored and bordered by a black band. Small striped cutworm lacks the tan color on the anterior thorax.]

12a (10b) Size medium, wing span about 4 cm; wing markings are highly variable.

Army Cutworm, Euxoa auxiliaris (Grote)

(See plate 10)

Larvae feed on broadleaf weeds, but when starved attack a wide variety of field, forage and vegetable crops — wheat and alfalfa are damaged most frequently. Adults are found in late spring and early summer, and again in late summer. This species generally is very common. [If a distinct black bar is running between costal area and cubitus vein (Fig. 21) and ground color is reddishbrown, specimen may be a redbacked cutworm . . . see 59b.]

Size small, wing span about 3 cm.

Sandhill Cutworm, Euxoa detersa (Walker)

(See plate 11)

Larvae feed on corn and grasses. This species generally is uncommon. [If the basal 2/3 of the cubitus vein on the forewing is white, the specimen may be a small striped cutworm . . . see 11b.]

14a (13a) Orbicular spot with two hemispherical lobes of approximately equal size, broadly connected (Fig. 7).

Bilobed Looper, Autographa biloba (Stephens)

(See plate 12)

Larvae feed on weeds such as dandelion and plantain.

15a (14b) Orbicular spot smoothly elongate, not narrowly constricted; distinct curved line running from orbicular spot to posterior edge of forewing (Fig. 8); forewing with broad areas of grey and reddishbrown.

Celery Looper, Anagrapha falcifera (Kirby)

(See plate 13)

Larvae feed on celery, lettuce and sugarbeet.

16a (15b) Forewing mottled reddish-brown; orbicular spot narrowly constricted, often forming two discrete spots (Fig. 9,10).

Cabbage Looper, Trichoplusia ni (Hübner)

(See plates 14 and 15)

Larvae feed on a variety of vegetables.

Forewing mottled grey-brown; orbicular spot narrowly constricted, but usually not forming two discrete spots (Fig. 11).

Alfalfa Looper, Autographa

californica (Speyer)

(See plate 16)

Larvae feed on alfalfa, clover, sugarbeet and occasionally other crops.

17a (13b)	Reniform and orbicular spots on fore-
` .	wing not visible 18
17b	Reniform or orbicular spots on forewing
	visible or distinct
18a (17a)	Abdomen orange or vellow with distinct

18a (17a) Abdomen orange or yellow with distinct row of black spots dorsally; forewings white, usually with numerous black spots; hind wing of male orange, of fe-

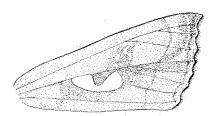


Figure 7 Bilobed looper forewing showing two hemispherical lobes of orbicular spot.

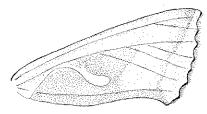


Figure 8 Celery looper forewing showing smoothly elongate and rounded orbicular spot.

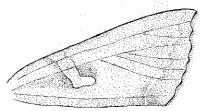


Figure 9 Cabbage looper forewing with elongate and constricted orbicular spot.

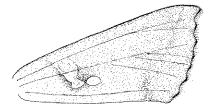


Figure 10 Cabbage looper forewing with orbicular spot elongation constricted to form two discrete spots.

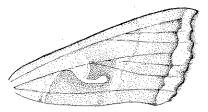


Figure 11 Alfalfa looper forewing showing elongate and constricted orbicular spot.

	male white, both sexes with black spots.
	Saltmarsh Caterpillar, Estigmene
	acrea (Drury)
	(See plate 1) Larvae feed on a wide variety of
	crops including sugarbeet, cabbage,
	bean and peas.
	Several other species of no economic
	importance may key to this point, but
	they tend to have fewer spots, less
	orange on the abdomen, and generally
	are smaller; among the most common is
	yellow woollybear, Diacrisia virginica (Fa-
	bricius).]
18b	Abdomen not orange or yellow with dis-
	tinct row of black spots; color of fore-
	wings not white with black spots 19
19a (18b)	Forewings with large dark areas, often
, ,	forming transverse bands (across
	wings) 20
19b	Forewings uniform, mottled, or with
	dark streaks running length of wing 22
20a (19a)	Dark areas on forewing not forming
	transverse bands, or forming very weak
	bands; hind wing uniform brown.
	Green Cloverworm, Plathypena sca-
	bra (Fabricius)
	(See plate 17) Larvae feed on alfalfa, clover and
	bean varieties.
20b	Dark blotches on forewing forming
200	transverse bands which cross or nearly
	cross wing
21a (20b)	
()	wing; forewing color grey-brown.
	Forage Looper and Clover Looper,
	Caenurgina erechtea (Cramer) and
	C. crassiuscula (Haworth) [These two
	species are differentiated by genital-
	ic characters.]
	(See plate 18)
	Larvae feed on clover and grass.
	Adults are found throughout the
	summer. [If ground color is yellowish, specimen
	may be corn earworm see 27a.]
21b	Dark transverse bands not present on
210	hind wing; forewing color varies from
	dark to light reddish-brown.
	Bronzed Cutworm, Nephelodes
	minians Guenée
	(See plate 19)
	Larvae feed on grains and grasses,
·	including turf grass.
22a (19b)	Dark streak running length of forewing,
	often broken near middle (Fig. 12).
	Wheat Head Armyworm, Faronta
	diffusa (Walker)
	(See plate 20) Larvae feed on grains and grasses,
4	often attacking the ripening head of

wheat.

22b Dark streak not distinct 23 23a (22b) Color uniform tan; forewing with indistinct dark line running to anterior wing tip; forewing with small white central spot; wing span usually greater than 3.5 cm (Fig. 13).

Armyworm, Pseudaletia unipuncta (Haworth)

(See plate 21)

Larvae feed on grains and grasses, but when starved attack a wide variety of crops and weeds. Adults may be found from spring to autumn.

[If forewing ground color is a uniform grey with an overall streaked pattern, the specimen may be Cucullia spp., common weed-feeding moths.]

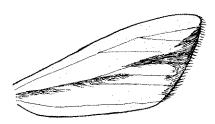


Figure 12 Wheat head armyworm forewing showing broken dark streak.

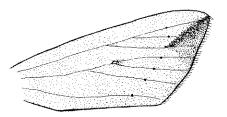


Figure 13 Armyworm forewing showing indistinct dark line at anterior angle, and small white spot centrally.

23b Color not uniform; forewing mottled light or dark, or with light brown veins; wing span usually less than 3.5 cm 24 [Occasional specimens of variegated cutworm will key to this point if the reniform and orbicular spots are weak. The forewing of these specimens will be uniform dark brown, with a wing span of 4 cm or greater.]

24a (23b) Terminal line on forewing and hind wing faint or absent 25

24b Terminal line on forewing and hind wing dark 26

25a (24a) Forewing and hind wing with faint (female) to distinct (male) brown markings forming diffuse transverse bands.

European Corn Borer, Ostrinia nubilalis (Hübner)

(See plate 22)

Primarily a pest of corn, but nearly

all herbaceous plants with a stem large enough for borers to enter are attacked. Two generations occur, with adults present in June and Au-Generally restricted northeastern Colorado.

25b Forewing with faint brown stripes on, and parallel to, veins on forewing; hind wings white.

> Southwestern Corn Borer, Diatraea grandiosella (Dyar)

(See plate 23)

Larvae feed mostly on corn and sorghum, but also attack grasses. Two generations occur, with adults present in June and August. Generally restricted to southeastern Colorado.

[Many noneconomic webworms will key to this point.]

26a (24b) Forewing with narrow light-colored band adjacent to terminal line when viewed from above; hind wing with dark terminal line solid when viewed from below (Fig. 14).

> Beet Webworm, Loxostege sticticalis (Linneaus)

(See plate 24)

Larvae feed on a variety of broadleaf crops and weeds, especially sugarbeet, alfalfa and vegetables.

26b Forewing with broader light band adjacent to terminal line when viewed from above; hind wing with dark terminal line broken when viewed from below (Fig. 15).

Alfalfa Webworm, Loxostege commixtalis (Walker)

(See plate 25)

Larvae feed on a variety of broadleaf crops and weeds, especially sugarbeet, alfalfa and vegetables. Adults are found in spring and late summer.

[Many noneconomic webworms will key to this point.

27a (17b) Ground color of forewings yellowish; reniform spot on forewing distinct when viewed from above, but larger and darker when viewed from below.

Corn Earworm, Heliothis zea (Boddie)

(See plates 26, 27 and 28)

Larvae are serious pests of sweet corn, but also attack other vegetables, field corn, sorghum, soybean, small grains, alfalfa and clover.

27b Ground color of forewing brown, reddish-brown, grey or tan 28

28a (27b) Ground color of forewings light grey or tan 29

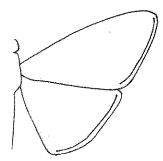


Figure 14 Beet webworm with solid dark terminal line as seen from below.

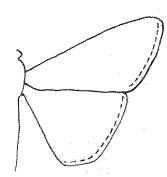


Figure 15 Alfalfa webworm with broken dark terminal line as seen from below.

28b	Ground color of forewings brown, red- dish-brown or greyish-brown
29a (28a) 29b	Forewing with dark claviform spot 30 Forewing without dark claviform spot 32
30a (29a)	Forewing with strongly contrasting grey and brown areas; costal area not distinct- ly darker; hind wings light brown, darker brown distally.
	Striped Garden Caterpillar, Polia legitima (Grote) (See plate 29)
	Larvae are general feeders, prefer- ring grasses.
n	[If specimen lacks grey band in subterminal area and has a narrow black band extending distally from claviform spot, it may be speckled cutworm see 50b.]
30b	Forewing with strongly contrasting tan and brown areas; costal area distinctly darkened; hind wings white or dirty white
31a (30b)	Forewing with claviform spot elongate, at least three times as long as wide; dark color of costal area extending back approximately to cubitus vein; hind wings white to dirty white, but not translucent. Dusky Cutworm, Agrotis venerabilis Walker
	(See plate:30) Larvae feed on corn, alfalfa, clover,

vegetables and grasses.

[Dusky cutworm adults are present in late summer and autumn. A similar species, Agrotis volubilis Harvey, is present in spring and early summer. The dark black bar extends to the wing base in A. volubilis, but fades basally in dusky cutworm.]

Forewing with claviform spot not elongate, no more than twice as long as wide; dark color generally restricted to costal area; hind wings white and translucent.

Palesided Cutworm, Agrotis malefida Guenée

(See plate 31)

Larvae feed on a wide variety of plants.

[This species closely resembles dusky cutworm . . . see 31a.]

32a (29b) Ground color grey; size small, wing span about 2 cm; hind wing with dark terminal line and distinct venation; forewing with faint transverse line.

Beet Armyworm, Spodoptera exigua (Hübner)

(See plate 32)

Larvae feed on sugarbeet, corn, al-

falfa and vegetables.

[Some specimens of fall armyworm may key to this point, but they are larger, with a wing span of at least 2.5 cm... see 41a. If the hind wing is brown and the lower 1/3 of the reniform spot is darkened, the specimen may be a common grass-feeding species Apamea finitima Guenée. This species is not known to be damaging in Colorado.]

33a (32b) Reniform spot on forewing distinct when viewed from above, and larger and more distinct when viewed from below.

Corn Earworm, Heliothis zea (Boddie)

(See plates 26, 27 and 28)

Larvae are serious pests of sweet corn, but also attack other vegetables, field corn, sorghum, soybean, small grains, alfalfa and clover.

35a (34a)	Eyes hairy (Fig. 26); hind wings dirty white with a dark band distally (Fig. 28);	38	b	Hind wings uniform brown or brown distally44
	primary wing veins on forewing not	39	a (38a)	Forewing uniform reddish-brown with
	light-colored. Clover Cutworm, Scotogramma tri-			reniform spot distinct. Zebra Caterpillar, Ceramica picta
	folii (Hufnagel)			(Harris)
	(See plate 58)			(See plate 36)
	Larvae feed on sugarbeet, clover and			Larvae feed on several crops, espe-
	vegetables. Adults are found in		2	cially sugarbeet and cabbage.
	spring and summer.	39	b	Forewing not uniform reddish-brown;
35b	[See also 64a.] Eyes not hairy (Fig. 27); hind wings white,			forewing with simple or complex pattern
33.5	darkening distally (Fig. 30); primary wing	40	a /39h)	Forewing with complex pattern; orbicu-
	veins on forewing light-colored.		u (0310)	lar spot elongate or drawn into
	Pale Western Cutworm, Agrotis			transverse line (See plates 37 and 38 for
	orthogonia Morrison			examples of complex patterns) 41
	(See plate 60) Larvae feed below-ground on small	40		Forewing pattern not complex 42
	grains, sugarbeet, alfalfa and vegeta-	41	a (40a)	Abdomen with large basal tuft of hairs
	bles. Adults are found in late sum-			dorsally, and often with a smaller tuft on the 2nd segment; tuft absent from 4th
	mer and autumn.			segment (Fig. 16); forewings less distinct-
	[See also 67a.]			ly marked than yellowstriped armyworm,
36a (34b)	Orbicular spot moderately distinct; transverse line without a row of dark			sometimes muted.
	dots; hind wing tan or white with faint			Fall Armyworm, Spodoptera frugi-
	dark bar.			perda (J.E. Smith)
	White Cutworm, Euxoa scandens (Ri-			(See plate 37) Larvae feed on corn, grasses, vegeta-
	ley)			bles, alfalfa and occasionally on fruit
	(See plate 33)			trees.
	Larvae feed on vegetables and fruit trees.	41	b	Tufts usually present on 3rd and 4th
	[Some specimens of fall armyworm may			basal abdominal segments (Fig. 17); fore-
	key to this point. They can be separated			wings more distinctly marked than fall armyworm.
	by the marked pattern on the forewing,			Yellowstriped Armyworm, Spodop-
	and the translucent hind wing. In white			tera ornithogalli (Guenée)
	cutworm the forewing pattern is uni- form and the opaque hind wing is dirty			(See plate 38)
	white.]			Larvae feed on vegetables, corn,
36b	Orbicular spot indistinct; transverse line			wheat, alfalfa, clover and occasionally on fruit trees.
	made up of a row of dark dots; hind	42	a (Anh)	Forewing with black bar below cubitus
	wing white without faint dark bar.	K 200	(100)	vein contiguous with claviform spot;
	Spotted-legged Cutworm, Agrotis vetusta Walker			reniform spot relatively large and dark
	(See plate 34)			(Fig. 18).
	Larvae feed on weeds, vegetables			Dusky Cutworm, Agrotis venerabilis Walker
97- /00E)	and corn.			(See plate 30)
3/a (28D)	Forewing with large tan or light brown triangle in costal area.			Larvae feed on corn, alfalfa, clover,
	Spotted Cutworm, Amathes			vegetables and grasses.
	c-nigrum (Linneaus)	Æ 13	ı Kı.	[See also 31a.]
	(See plate 35)	42	i.e.	Forewing without black bar associated with claviform spot; reniform spot rela-
	Larvae are general feeders and will			tively small and light-colored
	attack a variety of vegetable, field and fruit crops. Weeds, especially	43	la (42h)	Subterminal area of forewing with dif-
	goosefoot, are preferred over crops.		(/	fuse light band; short dark bar connect-
	[If reniform spot is tan-colored and cos-			ing reniform and orbicular spot (Fig. 19);
	tal area lighter than ground color, speci-			forewings not mottled.
37b	men may be dingy cutworm see 9a.] Distinct light triangle absent from costal			Granulated Cutworm, Agrotis an- nexa (Treitschke)
3/19	Distinct light triangle absent from costal area of forewing			(See plate 39)
38a (37b)	Hind wings uniform white, sometimes			Larvae feed on vegetables, corn,
, ,	with dark terminal line			clover and grasses.
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43b Subterminal area of forewing without light band; forewings mottled light brown.

Fall Armyworm, Spodoptera frugiperda (J.E. Smith) (See plate 40) Larvae feed on corn, vegetables, al-

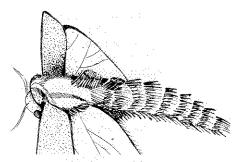


Figure 16 Fall armyworm showing two abdominal tufts.

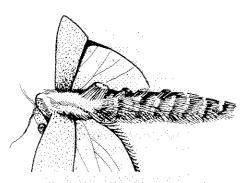


Figure 17 Yellowstriped armyworm showing four abdominal tufts.

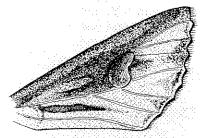


Figure 18 Dusky cutworm forewing showing black bar below cubitus vein, and large reniform spot.

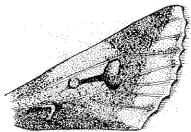


Figure 19 Granulated cutworm forewing showing diffuse light band in terminal area, and dark bar connecting reniform and orbicular spots.

falfa and occasionally on fruit trees. [If the costal area is light-colored and the basal 2/3 of the cubitus vein on the forewing is white, specimen may be small striped cutworm ... see 11b.]

45a (44a) Orbicular spot not outlined with white; indistinct broad brown band crossing center of forewing; wing span less than 3 cm; hind wing usually white basally, and diffuse brown distally.

Bristly Cutworm, Lacinipolia renigera (Stephens)

(See plate 41)

Larvae feed chiefly on the roots of vegetables, corn, clover, grasses and flowers.

[If specimen has wing span greater than 3 cm and has a broad irregular light-colored band in the subterminal area of the forewing, the specimen may be a bertha armyworm . . . see 51b.]

46a (45b) Reniform and orbicular spots with strong outline; forewing markings generally complex, sometimes with light costal area and diffuse light band in terminal area; wing markings are highly variable.

Army Cutworm, Euxoa auxiliaris (Grote)

(See plates 42 and 43).

Larvae feed on broadleaf weeds, but when starved attack a wide variety of field, forage and vegetable crops — wheat and alfalfa are damaged most frequently. Adults are found in late spring and early summer, and again in late summer. This species generally is very common.

Reniform and orbicular spots with weak white outline; forewing generally uniform reddish-brown, often the reniform and orbicular spots are the only distinct markings; some specimens with black claviform and black bar connecting orbicular and reniform spots; diffuse light band absent from costal and terminal areas.

Redbacked Cutworm, Euxoa ochrogaster (Guenée)

(See plates 44 and 45)

Larvae feed on a variety of crops, particularly grains and vegetables. This species generally is uncommon.

	Hind wing uniform brown color; darkened blotches on forewing forming weak or incomplete bands; reniform and orbicular spots usually not visible. Green Cloverworm, Plathypena scabra (Fabricius) (See plate 17) Larvae feed on alfalfa, clover, soybean and bean varieties. [Hind wing color sometimes is variable. If specimen does not appear to be green cloverworm, see 47b.]	52a (48b)	Forewing with black dash usually located distal to reniform spot; reniform, orbicular and claviform spots all outlined in black; subterminal area with diffuse light band; other wing markings indistinct (Fig. 20). Black Cutworm, Agrotis ipsilon (Hufnagel) (See plate 49) Larvae feed on a wide variety of field, vegetable, forage crops, grasses and weeds, but are especially
47b	Hind wing not uniform brown	52b	damaging to corn. Subterminal area without diffuse light
48a (47b)	blotch on middle third of wing or with	ومعر	band and black dash53
	large spots and blotches widely distrib-	53a (52b)	Ground color of forewing uniform
	uted over forewing 49		brown, reddish-brown, or grey-brown;
48b	Forewing uniform, or with small spots		reniform and orbicular spot distinct;
	only, or with spots localized 52	53b	other markings indistinct 54 Forewing with more complex pattern;
49a (48a)	Large irregular blotch centrally located	330	ground color not uniform brown 55
	on forewing and surrounding reniform spot; reniform color similar to basal and	54a (53a)	Reniform and orbicular spot with narrow
	distal portion of forewing; blotch meet-	a ()	black border.
	ing posterior edge and costal area of		Well-marked Cutworm, Spaelotis
	wing.		clandestina (Harris)
	Bronzed Cutworm, Nephelodes		(See plate 50) Larvae feed on corn, small grains,
	minians Guenée		vegetables and fruit trees.
	(See plate 19) Larvae feed on grains and grasses,	54b	Reniform and orbicular spot with narrow
	including turf grass.		light border.
49b	Forewing with large spots and blotches		Redbacked Cutworm, Euxoa ochro-
	widely distributed 50		gaster (Guenée) (See plate 44)
50a (49b)	Broad irregular light-colored band in		Larvae feed on a variety of crops,
	subterminal area of forewing; ground		particularly grains and vegetables.
	color dark brown or dark reddishbrown	55a (53b)	Forewing with black claviform below cu-
50b	Forewing lacking band; ground color		bitus vein (Fig. 18) or black bar between
300	light reddish-brown or grey.		costal area and cubitus vein (Fig. 21) 56
	Speckled Cutworm, Polia subjuncta		
	(Grote and Robinson)		
	(See plate 46)		
	Larvae feed primarily on deciduous trees.		
512 (502)	Wing span 4.25 cm or greater; ground		
3 14 (3Vd)	color of forewing reddish-brown; reni-		
	form spot usually tan.		
	Yellowheaded Cutworm, Apamea		
	amputatrix (Fitch)	Figure 20	Black cutworm forewing showing black

(See plate 47)

figurata Walker (See plate 48)

vegetables.

white.

51b

grains and vegetables.

Larvae feed on roots of corn, small

Bertha Armyworm, Mamestra con-

Larvae are general feeders, attacking

the foliage of alfalfa, sugarbeets and

Wing span: less than 4.25 cm; ground

color of forewing brown or grey-brown; reniform spot usually white or mostly

ng showing black dash and diffuse light band.

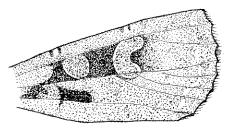


Figure 21 Redbacked cutworm forewing showing black bar between subcostal area and cubitus vein.

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	tal area an	d cubitus v	gion betwei ein darken	en cos-
	not a distin	ct black bar	***************************************	57
56b	Forewing w	ith distinct	black bar r	unning
	between c	ostal area	and cubitu	s vein;
FF. (FC.)	claviform va	ariable		59
57a (56a)	Ground co	lor of forev n not surre	wing dark	brown;
	band.	n not suite	unaea wit	n light
		Army Cutwo	orm. Actel	nia fen-
	nica (Ta	uscher)		,,,,
	(See pla	ite 51)		
		feed on a	wide var	iety of
57 b	plants.			
5/0	Ground col	or of forewi	ing light bro	own or
	each side	s vem wn	u ugut ba	110 ON 58
58a (57b)	Area of for			
, ,	spot withou	ut distinct i	narkings; a	nterior
	edge of for	rewing dark		
	edge (Fig. 1			
	Dusky Walker	Cutworm,	Agrotis ven	erabilis
	vvaiker (See pla	to 30)		
		feed on co	rn alfalfa	clover
	vegetab	les and gras	ises.	CIOYCI,
	See also 31	a.]		
58b		ewing poste		
	spot with	distinct m	iarkings; a	nterior
		ewing not	darker tha	n pos-
	terior edge	(Fig. 22). :ked Cutwo	rno Agratia	: aladi
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	(See pla			
		eed on grai	ns, grasses,	clover
	and veg	etables.		
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Figure 22 Claybacked cutworm forewing showing markings posterior to claviform spot.

59a (56b) Dark stripe present on top of head between eyes (Fig. 23); forewing markings variable; ground color brown.
Striped Cutworm, Euxoa tessellata (Harris)
(See plate 53)
Larvae feed on vegetables, alfalfa, corn and clover.
59b
Dark stripe not present between eyes

(Fig. 24); forewing markings variable;

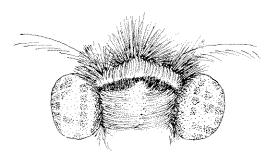


Figure 23 Top of head showing dark stripe connecting eyes.

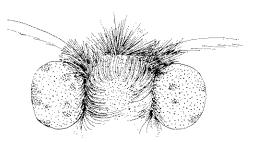
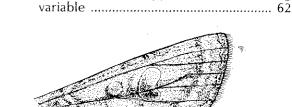


Figure 24 Top of head with dark stripe absent between eyes.

ground color reddish-brown. Redbacked Cutworm, Euxoa ochrogaster (Guenée) (See plates 44 and 45) Larvae feed on a variety of crops, particularly grains and vegetables. 60a (55b) Wing span 3.5 cm or greater, usually about 4 cm 61 60b Wing span less than 3.5 cm 64 61a (60a) Lower half of reniform spot distinctly darker than upper half (Fig. 25); hind wing tan basally, brown distally; wing markings are highly variable. Army Cutworm, Euxoa auxiliaris (Grote) (See plate 54) Larvae feed on broadleaf weeds, but when starved attack a wide variety of field crops. Adults are found in late spring and early summer, and again in late summer. This species generally is very common. 61b Lower half of reniform spot not distinct-



ly darker than upper half, hind wing

Figure 25 Army cutworm forewing with darkened lower half of reniform spot.

62a (61b) Reniform spot principally white; diffuse white or tan transverse band in subterminal area of forewing. Bertha Armyworm, Mamestra configurata Walker (See plate 48) Larvae are general feeders, attacking sugarbeets, alfalfa and vegetables. 62b Reniform spot brown; subterminal area of forewing without transverse lightcolored band 63 63a (62b) Forewing well marked, subterminal line usually distinct; hind wing tan basally, brown distally, and opaque. Glassy Cutworm, Crymodes devastator (Brace) (See plate 55) Larvae feed below ground on grasses, corn, small grains and vegetables. Adults are found in the summer months. 63h Forewing not well marked, subterminal line not distinct; hind wing white basally, brown distally, and translucent. Variegated Cutworm, Peridroma saucia (Hübner) (See plates 56 and 57) Larvae feed on a wide variety of field, forage, vegetable, fruit and flower crops. Adult variegated cutworms are found from spring until autumn. [Variegated cutworm often is confused with the dark form of army cutworm. Variegated cutworm tends to be larger (wing span greater than 4 cm), with forewings poorly marked. Army cutworm is slightly smaller (wing span less than 4 cm); the forewing has distinct reniform spots, with the lower portion of the spots darker. 64a (60b) Eyes hairy (Fig. 26); hind wings with a dark band distally (Fig. 28). Clover Cutworm, Scotogramma trifolii (Hufnagel) (See plate 58) Larvae feed on sugarbeet, clover and vegetables. [A common cutworm in Colorado. This species is easily confused with darksided cutworm and pale western cutworm. Adult clover cutworms are found in spring and summer, darksided and pale

western cutworm adults occur in late

Eyes not hairy (Fig. 27); hind wings white, dirty white, or darker distally but without distinct dark band 65

between eyes (Fig. 23) 66

summer and autumn.]

65a (64b) Dark stripe present across top of head

64b

65b

66a (65a) Ground color reddish-brown; forewing markings variable, but usually suppressed.

Striped Cutworm, Euxoa tessellata (Harris)

(See plate 53)

Larvae feed on vegetables, alfalfa, corn and clover.

Ground color greyish-brown; transverse line continuing almost to anterior edge of forewing (Fig. 29).

Darksided Cutworm, Euxoa messoria (Harris)

(See plate 59)

Larvae feed on corn, clover, vegetables, grasses and fruit trees. Adults are found in late summer and autumn.

67a (65b) Transverse line curving inward well before the anterior edge of forewing, forming a question-mark shape (Fig. 30); primary forewing veins usually light-colored.

Pale Western Cutworm, Agrotis orthogonia Morrison

(See plate 60)

Larvae feed below ground on small grains, sugarbeet, alfalfa and vegetables. Adults are found in late summer and autumn.

67b Transverse line not distinct; primary forewing veins not light-colored.

Sandhill Cutworm, Euxoa detersa (Walker)

(See plate 11)

Larvae feed on corn and grasses. [Specimens of dusky cutworm with weak claviform spots may key to this point. Dusky cutworm has an elongate orbicular spot while sandhill cutworm has an irregular oval orbicular spot . . . see 31a.]

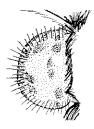


Figure 26 Clover cutworm compound eye showing distinct hairs.



Figure 27 Eye of cutworm without distinct hairs.

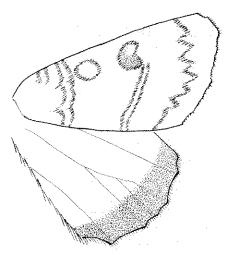


Figure 28 Forewing and hind wing of clover cutworm showing weak, abbreviated transverse line on forewing and dark distal band on hind wing.

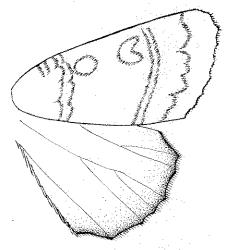


Figure 29 Forewing and hind wing of darksided cutworm showing transverse line extending almost across forewing.

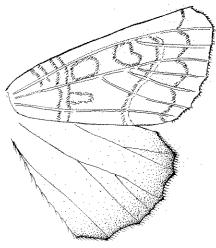


Figure 30 Forewing and hind wing of pale western cutworm showing strongly curved transverse line and light-colored wing veins on forewing.

LIST OF SPECIES; COMMON AND SCIENTIFIC NAME

COMMON

alfalfa looper alfalfa webworm army cutworm armyworm beet armyworm beet webworm bertha armyworm bilobed looper black army cutworm black cutworm bristly cutworm bronzed cutworm cabbage looper celery looper claybacked cutworm clover cutworm clover looper corn earworm darksided cutworm dingy cutworm dusky cutworm European corn borer fall armyworm forage looper fourhorned sphinx glassy cutworm granulated cutworm green cloverworm palesided cutworm pale western cutworm redbacked cutworm saltmarsh caterpillar sandhill cutworm small striped cutworm southwestern corn borer speckled cutworm spotted cutworm spotted-legged cutworm striped cutworm striped garden caterpillar tobacco hornworm tomato hornworm underwing moth variegated cutworm well-marked cutworm western bean cutworm wheat head armyworm white cutworm whitelined sphinx vellowheaded cutworm yellowstriped armyworm zebra caterpillar

SCIENTIFIC

Autographa californica (Spever) Loxostege commixtalis (Walker) Euxoa auxiliaris (Grote) Pseudaletia unipuncta (Haworth) Spodoptera exigua (Hübner) Loxostege sticticalis (Linneaus) Mamestra configurata Walker Autographa biloba (Stephens) Actebia fennica (Tauscher) Agrotis ipsilon (Hufnagel) Lacinipolia renigera (Stephens) Nephelodes minians Guenée Trichoplusia ni (Hübner) Anagrapha falcifera (Kirby) Agrotis gladiaria Morrison Scotogramma trifolii (Hufnagel) Caenurgina crassiuscula (Haworth) Heliothis zea (Boddie) Euxoa messoria (Harris) Feltia ducens Walker Agrotis venerabilis Walker Ostrinia nubilalis (Hübner) Spodoptera frugiperda (J.E. Smith) Caenurgina erechtea (Cramer) Ceratomia amyntor (Geyer) Crymodes devastator (Brace) Agrotis annexa Treitschke Plathypena scabra (Fabricius) Agrotis malefida Guenée Agrotis orthogonia Morrison Euxoa ochrogaster (Guenée) Estigmene acrea (Drury) Euxoa detersa (Walker) Euxoa niveilinea (Grote) Diatraea grandiosella (Dyar) Polia subjuncta (Grote & Robinson) Amathes c-nigrum (Linneaus) Agrotis vetusta Walker Euxoa tessellata (Harris) Polia legitima (Grote) Manduca sexta (Linneaus) Manduca quinquemaculata (Haworth) Catocala spp. Peridroma saucia (Hübner) Spaelotis clandestina (Harris) Loxagrotis albicosta (Smith) Faronta diffusa (Walker) Euxoa scandens (Riley) Hyles lineata (Fabricius) Apamea amputatrix (Fitch) Spodoptera ornithogalli (Guenée) Ceramica picta (Harris)

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Trichoplusia ni (Hubner)

COMMON

black army cutworm granulated cutworm claybacked cutworm black cutworm palesided cutworm pale western cutworm dusky cutworm spotted-legged cutworm spotted cutworm celery looper vellowheaded cutworm bilobed looper alfalfa looper clover looper forage looper underwing moth zebra caterpillar fourhorned sphinx glassy cutworm southwestern corn borer saltmarsh caterpillar army cutworm sandhill cutworm darksided cutworm small striped cutworm redbacked cutworm white cutworm striped cutworm wheat head armyworm dingy cutworm corn earworm whitelined sphinx bristly cutworm western bean cutworm alfalfa webworm beet webworm bertha armyworm tomato hornworm tobacco hornworm bronzed cutworm European corn borer variegated cutworm green cloverworm striped garden caterpillar speckled cutworm armyworm clover cutworm well-marked cutworm beet armyworm fall armyworm yellowstriped armyworm cabbage looper

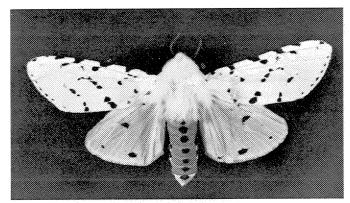


Plate 1 — Saltmarsh caterpillar; Estigmene acrea (Drury)

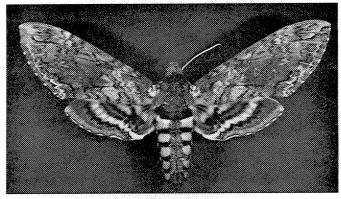


Plate 3 — Tobacco hornworm; *Manduca sexta* (Linneaus)

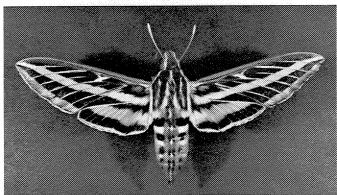


Plate 5 — Whitelined sphinx; Hyles lineata (Fabricius)

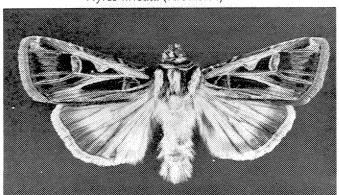


Plate 7 — Dingy cutworm; Feltia ducens Walker

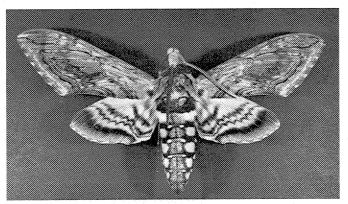


Plate 2 — Tomato hornworm; *Manduca quinquemaculata* (Haworth)

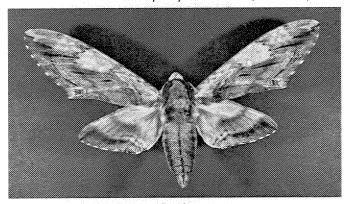


Plate 4 — Fourhorned sphinx; Ceratomia amyntor (Geyer)

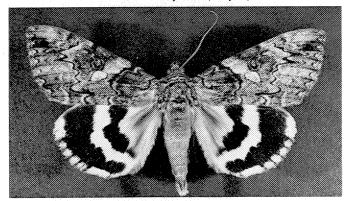


Plate 6 — Underwing moth; Catocala spp.

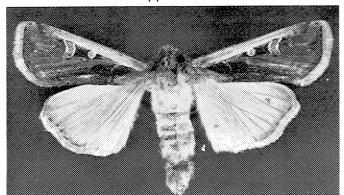


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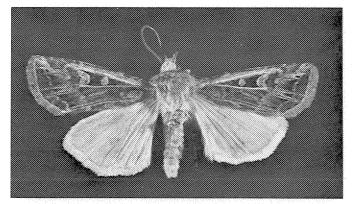


Plate 9 — Small striped cutworm; Euxoa niveilinea (Grote)

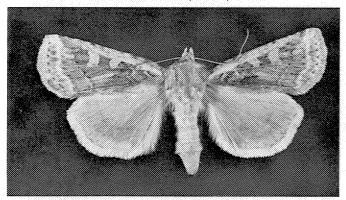


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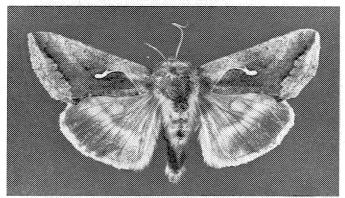


Plate 13 — Celery looper;

Anagrapha falcifera (Kirby)

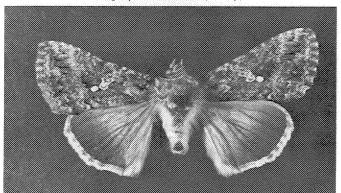


Plate 15 — Cabbage looper; Trichoplusia ni (Hübner)

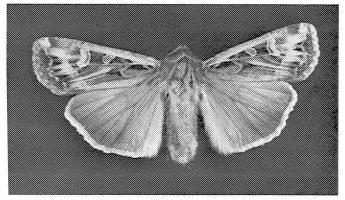


Plate 10 — Army cutworm; Euxoa auxiliaris (Grote)

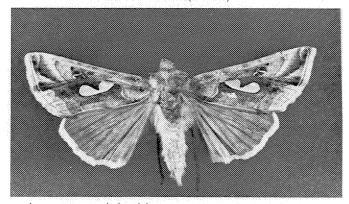


Plate 12 — Bilobed looper; Autographa biloba (Stephens)

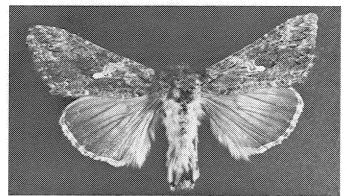


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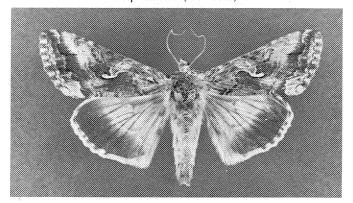


Plate 16 — Alfalfa looper; Autographa californica (Speyer)

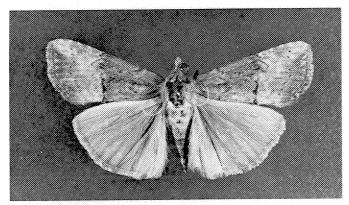


Plate 17 — Green cloverworm; Plathypena scabra (Fabricius)

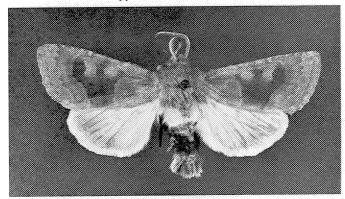


Plate 19 — Bronzed cutworm; Nephelodes minians Guenée

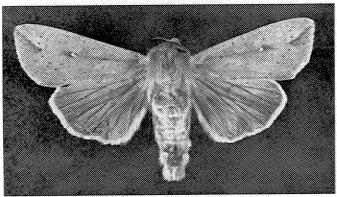


Plate 21 — Armyworm;
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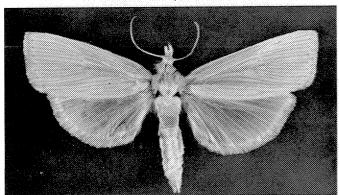


Plate 23 — Southwestern corn borer; Diatraea grandiosella (Dyar)

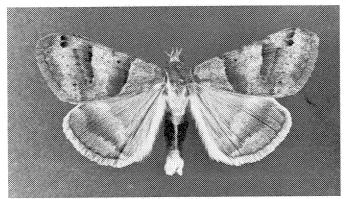


Plate 18 — Forage looper; Caenurgina erechtea (Cramer)

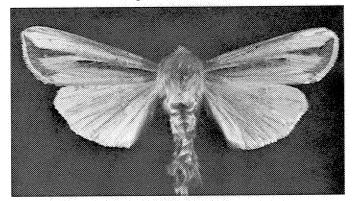


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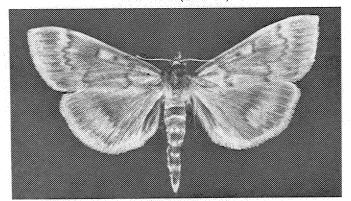


Plate 22 — European corn borer; Ostrinia nubilalis (Hübner)

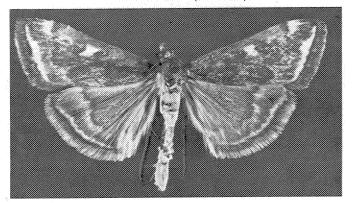


Plate 24 — Beet webworm; Loxostege sticticalis (Linneaus)



Plate 25 — Alfalfa webworm; Loxostege commixtalis (Walker)

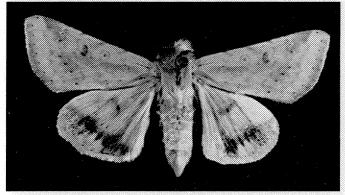


Plate 27 — Corn earworm; Heliothis zea (Boddie)

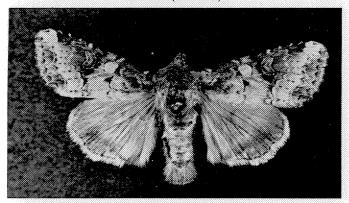


Plate 29 — Striped garden caterpillar; Polia legitima (Grote)



Plate 31 — Palesided cutworm; Agrotis malefida Guenée

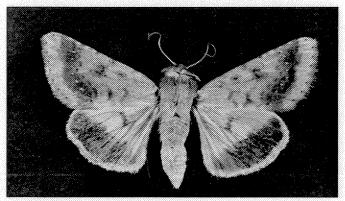


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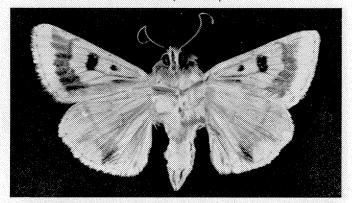


Plate 28 — Corn earworm; Heliothis zea (Boddie)

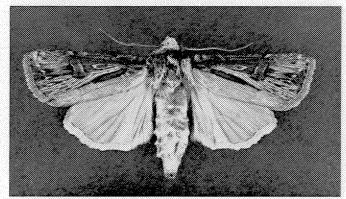


Plate 30 — Dusky cutworm; Agrotis venerabilis Walker

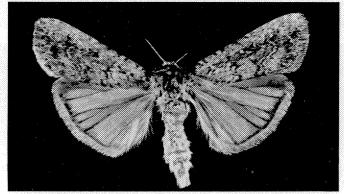


Plate 32 — Beet armyworm; Spodoptera exigua (Hübner)

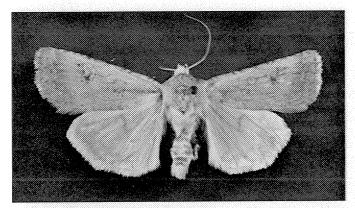


Plate 33 — White cutworm; Euxoa scandens (Riley)

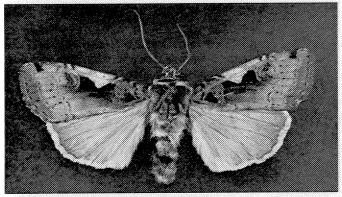


Plate 35 — Spotted cutworm; Amathes c-nigrum (Linneaus)

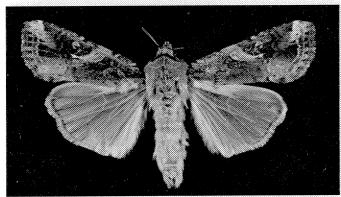


Plate 37 — Fall armyworm; Spodoptera frugiperda (J.E. Smith)

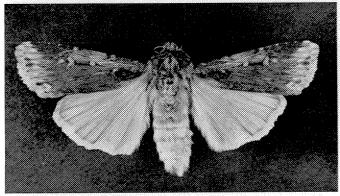


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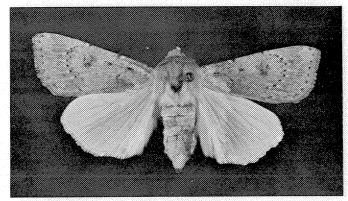


Plate 34 — Spotted-legged cutworm; Agrotis vetusta Walker



Plate 36 — Zebra caterpillar; Ceramica picta (Harris)

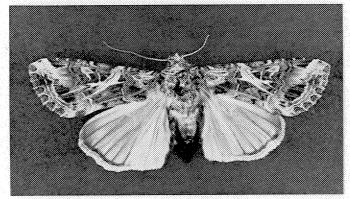


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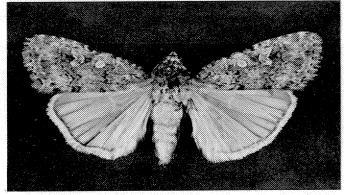


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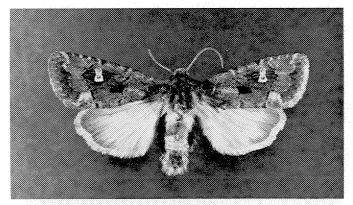


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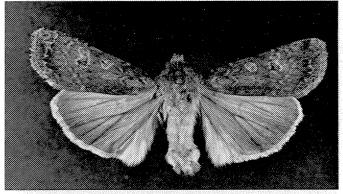


Plate 43 — Army cutworm; Euxoa auxiliaris (Grote)

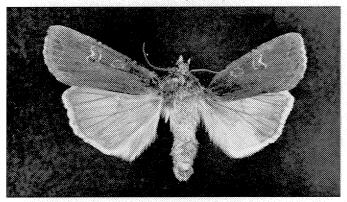


Plate 45 — Redbacked cutworm; Euxoa ochrogaster (Guenée)

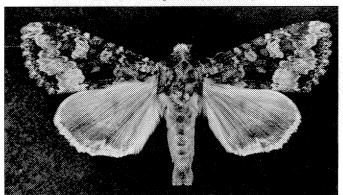


Plate 47 — Yellowheaded cutworm; *Apamea amputatrix* (Fitch)

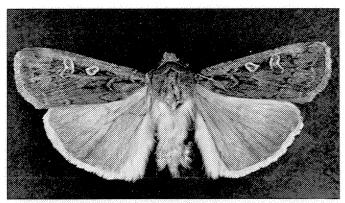


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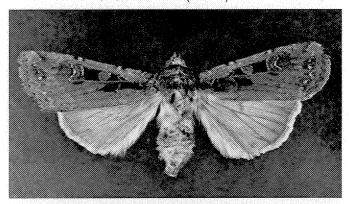


Plate 44 — Redbacked cutworm; Euxoa ochrogaster (Guenée)

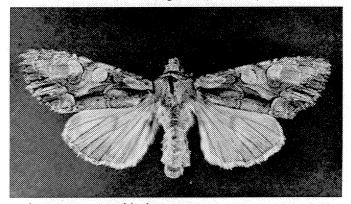


Plate 46 — Speckled cutworm;

Polia subjuncta (Grote and Robinson)

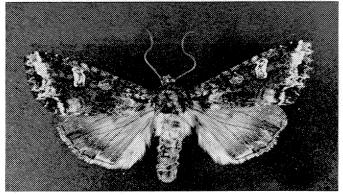


Plate 48 — Bertha armyworm;

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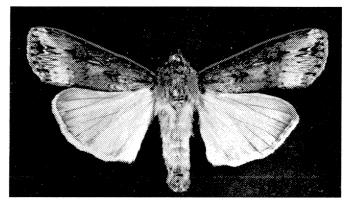


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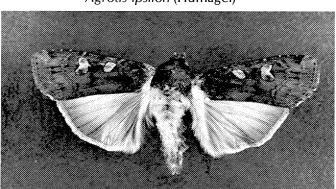


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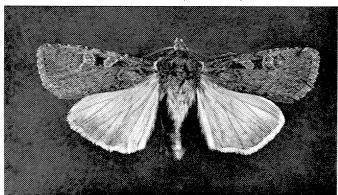


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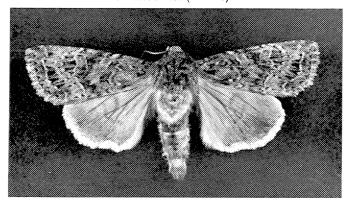


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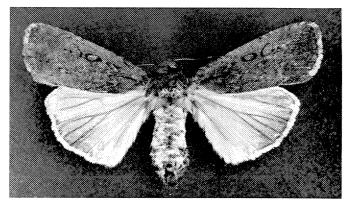


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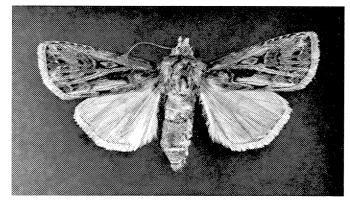


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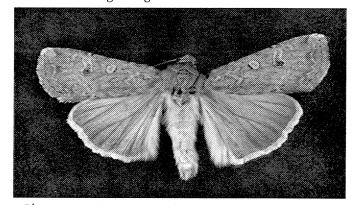


Plate 54 — Army cutworm; Euxoa auxiliaris (Grote)

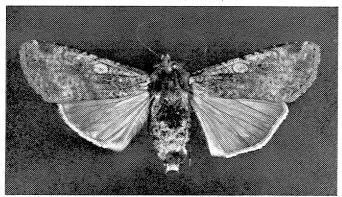


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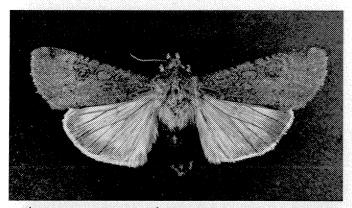


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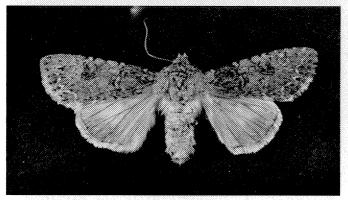


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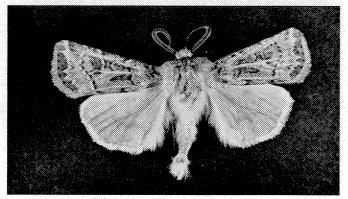


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