

FALL ARMYWORM (*Spodoptera frugiperda*)

Look for a dark head with an upside down pale Y-shaped marking on it. Also look for 4 black dots in a square near their rear end and white lines along their side.



Other armyworms in Australia

Noctuidae: *Spodoptera* spp.

- dark triangles along both sides of their back
- Y shaped marking on their head
- dark saddle marking on the first abdominal segment (refer to images adjacent).

Southern armyworm



Tropical armyworm



Black cutworm



Bogong moth



Native cutworms

Noctuidae: *Agrotis* spp.

- "greasy" appearance, dull colours
- small black dots are scattered along their sides with a narrow pale stripe along their back
- jet black head shield with a slightly flattened body
- few prominent dorsal stripes or setae (hairs or spines).

Native earworms/bollworms

Noctuidae: *Helicoverpa* spp.

- multiple broad stripes on back and sides, usually with pattern of fine wavy lines
- Native budworm: have no saddle with light-coloured legs
- Cotton bollworm: have a saddle or darker pigment on the fourth segment and at the back of the head and dark coloured legs (refer to image adjacent).
- when disturbed, lifts head and curls it under its body.

Native budworm



Cotton bollworm



Weed webworm



Tree lucerne moth



Native webworms

Crambidae: *Pyraustinae*

- larvae are greenish brown, have a brown head, are sprinkled with darkish dots
- conspicuous stripes on sides only
- feed in groups among leaves loosely webbed together with silk (refer to image adjacent).

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