

# *Spodoptera littoralis*

## Egyptian Cotton Leafworm



### SCREENING AID



Forewing 12 to 16 mm

#### Forewing:

- 12 to 16 mm in length
- brown
- with a bluish gray patch near the apex
- with a light brown and white triangular marking off-center
- with a 3-pronged white fork in the middle of the wing

#### Hindwing:

- glossy white
- with apex and outer margin brown
- with veins mostly white

*Spodoptera littoralis* (Boisduval) (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae) is similar to *Spodoptera litura* and to several North American *Spodoptera* species, especially *Spodoptera ornithogalli*. Dissection of genitalia is necessary for final identification.

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