

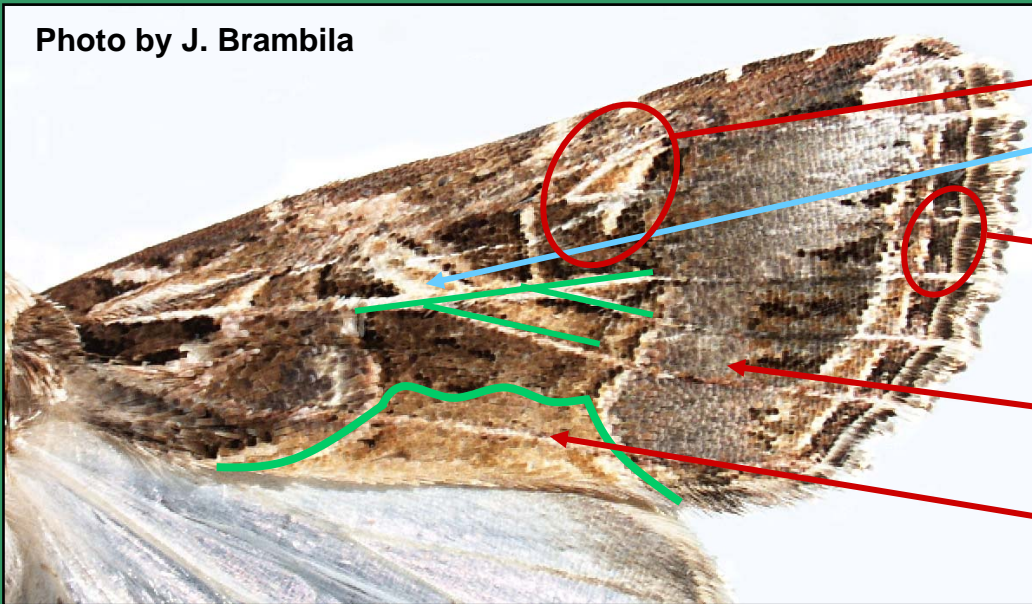
Spodoptera littoralis

Wing diagnostics



The forewing color pattern of male *Spodoptera littoralis* is similar to the pattern of male *Spodoptera ornithogalli* and nearly indistinguishable from that of *Spodoptera litura*

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Forewing brown with these markings:

- reniform spot** light brown, its apex triangular and outlined in white
- orbicular spot** oblique, elongate, light brown with a creamy white margin followed by a black margin
- row of dark brown **spindle-shaped markings** along outer margin
- distal end of cubital vein with a white **3-pronged 'fork'** (forking made of veins M3, CuA1, and CuA2)
- males with light brown or **grey patch** on midwing on posterior margin between antemedial and postmedial lines

For final identification it is necessary to dissect and examine adult male internal structures

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