

Spodoptera litura

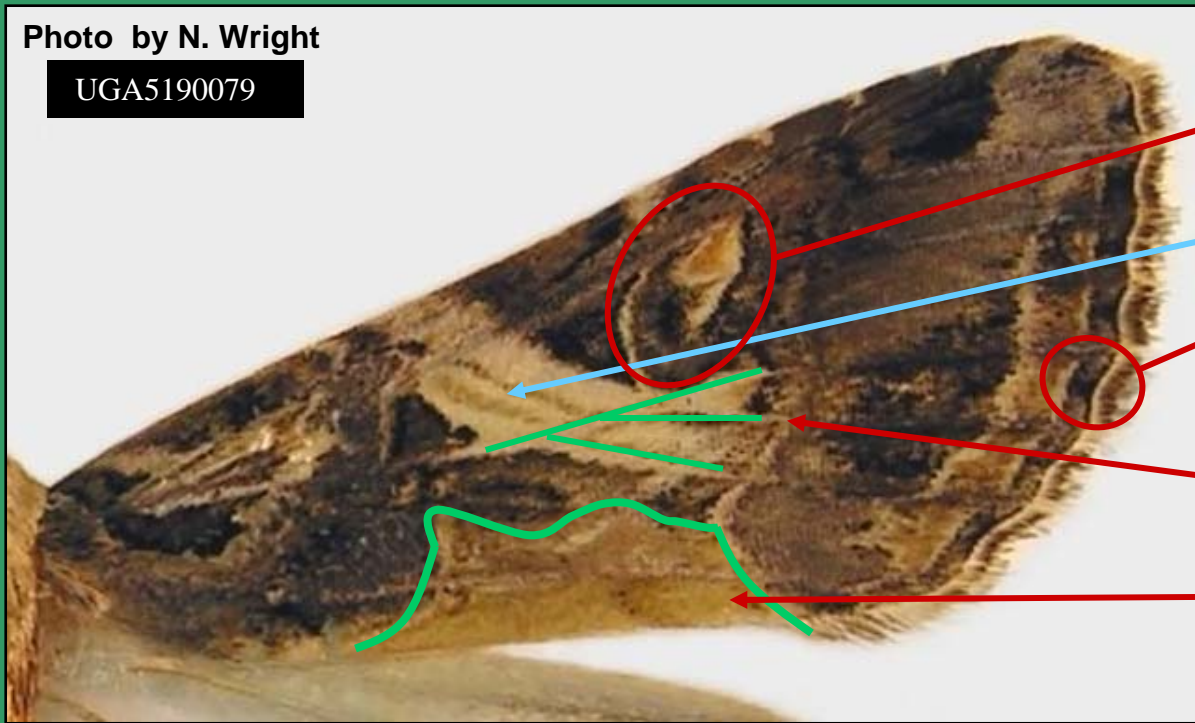
Wing diagnostics



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

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Forewing brown with these markings:

- reniform spot** brown, outlined by white, followed by a black border, and with a light brown triangle at apex
- orbicular spot** oblique, elongate, and light brown with creamy white margins
- row of black **spindle-shaped spots** along distal margin of wing
- distal end of cubital vein with a white **3-pronged 'fork'** (forking made of veins M3, CuA1, and)
- brown, light brown or **yellowish brown 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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