# LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH

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Eggs

Eggs are pale white and slightly overlap one another





Larva(e)

Caterpillars are green and just over one-half of an inch long



Pupa

The larva pupates in a feeding site or "nest" it constructs between two leaves, a leaf and fruit, in the bud, or on a single leaf

Eggs are typically deposited in groups of 20 to 50

> About one-third to two-fifths of an inch long

> > Adult

Black, yellow, and olive-brown markings spread across wings

> Pale yellowish-brown in color with darker brown markings on forewings

### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Protective covering/webbing on new leaves
- Visible blemishes caused by the caterpillar burrowing into the fruit



Fruit damaged by larvae

#### THE HARM IT CAUSES

The light brown apple moth feeds on and damages a wide variety of plants, including those found in backyard gardens and agricultural produce. It is known to feed on more than 2,000 species of plants and trees and 250 agricultural crops. This moth can cause millions of dollars of damage to our agricultural industry with larvae feeding directly on fruit (such as apples, berries, citrus, grapes, peaches, pears, and potatoes) and rendering it unmarketable. The moth can also affect roses, chrysanthemums, jasmine, and clover, as well as eucalyptus, poplar, and pine trees.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Do not bring or mail fresh fruits, vegetables, grape cuttings, or plants into your State or any other unless agricultural inspectors have cleared them beforehand.
- **Do not remove** fresh produce from your property if it's in a quarantine area.
- Clean equipment before moving it from one location to another.
- Allow authorized agricultural workers access to your property to inspect for the moth.
- Report any sightings of this pest at HungryPests.com.

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