



Symptom of damage: Borehole on the grain.

Nature of damage: Larva causes serious damage to ear and grain of maize; contaminates the grain with excreta, cast skins, webbings, dead individuals and cocoons; prefers to eat the germ portion and hence grains lose viability. It feeds superficially but may construct more than one silken tunnel.

Egg: Greyish white with granular surface, laid indiscriminately at night.

Larva: Transparent, dirty white, skin is granular with hairy body.

Pupa: Straw coloured, changes colour to greyish with age, in silken cocoon.

Adult: Forewing basal half silver white or greyish, outer 2/3 portion is reddish copper bronze lustre with irregular bands.