

Adult: The adult is a small delicate moth having white wings speckled with pale brown wavy markings. Females are larger than males. Egg laying takes place in the night.

**3. Rice skipper:** *Pelopidas mathias*: Hesperidae: Lepidoptera

Symptom of attack: Leaves folded longitudinally and **scrapped patches** in such places.

Nature of damage: The caterpillar folds the leaves and feeds from inside. It feeds on the parenchyma and leaf gets reduced to skeleton. Occurs in the nursery and planted crop. Not a serious pest.

Egg: Eggs are laid on the leaves.

Larva: The caterpillar is elongate, yellowish green with four white dorsal stripes, smooth and with a constricted neck and red 'V' mark on the head, which is distinct.

Pupa: Pale green pupa has white longitudinal lines on it and is attached to the leaf blade by a silk girdle.

Adult: The adult is a dark brown skipper butterfly with two white spots on the wings.

**4. Leaf folder/ roller:** *Cnaphalocrocis medinalis*: Pyralidae: Lepidoptera

Symptom of attack: Leaves folded longitudinally or transversely with silk and scrapped patches in such places.

Nature of damage: Larvae remain inside the fold and scrapping off green portion of the leaves leaving white patches.

Egg: Flat oval yellowish eggs laid singly or in pairs on the undersurface of tender leaves.

Larva: Larva is yellowish green in colour and translucent about 16-20 mm long.

Pupa: It pupates inside the fold.

Adult: Adult is small yellow coloured moth with dark wavy lines on both pairs of wings.

**5. Rice horned caterpillar:** *Melanitis ismene*: Nymphalidae: Lepidoptera

Symptom of attack: Defoliated leaves. It is a minor pest.

Nature of damage: The larva feed on the paddy leaves at night, remaining inactive during daytime.

Egg: Eggs are white, round laid singly on the paddy leaves.

Larva: Larva is green in colour with roughened skin, flattened dorsally and has a dark brown head with a pair of red horn like processes and two yellow processes in the anal end. It feeds on the leaves.

Pupa: Dark green chrysalis hangs from the leaf and is attached to the leaf blade by its anal extremity.

Adult: The butterfly is dark brown with large wings having a few black and yellow eye-like markings one on each of the forewings and six ocellar spots on hindwings.

**6. Yellow hairy caterpillar:** *Psalis pennatula*: Lymantriidae: Lepidoptera

Symptom of attack: Defoliated leaves. It is a minor pest.

Egg: Eggs are laid in batches on the leaves covered with yellow hairs.