

# Illustrated key to caterpillars on corn - with photographs of adults

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## sugarcane borer

Eds Hymenoptera of America North of Mexico. This insect is a primary stored grain pest because its immature caterpillar stages develop entirely within a grain kernel. Pitilla, 9 km S de Santa Cecilia, 700 m, collected VIII—IX.

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The same Scentry-tm Heliothis trap works well for CEW, baited with a Hercon-tm luretape and placed in a block with fresh silk. The males caught in the trap are light buff-colored with a single dark spot in the middle of the front wing and a dark band along the margin of the hind-wing. This threshold may be a bit on the overly-protective side, since given a fertile soil and good growing conditions, the corn will outgrow much damage.

## Identifying Australian Caterpillars

Fumigation kills by holding a specific concentration of poison gas in a given volume of space for a specific amount of time at a specific temperature.

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Courtesy Whitney Cranshaw, Colorado State University, Bugwood. Also, especially in the cool moist days of the early season when first generation borer eggs have just hatched, a large proportion of larvae are often killed by a protozoan pathogen of ECB Nosema pyraustae research at Uconn. Silk grows quickly, about 34 inches in the first day and 2 more inches in the next four days.

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Work is underway to import a species of Trichogramma which is adapted to the Asian corn borer, a very close relative of ECB, and is capable of overwintering in our climate.

## A Visual Guide to Caterpillar Identification

Pronotum in lateral view carinate and rugose; propleuron coarsely rugose; notauli deeply impressed, distinctive and rugose; mesonotal lobes well defined; central lobe of mesoscutum punctulate; scutellar furrow with three carinae; mesopleuron punctate; precoxal sulcus long, narrow and aerolate-rugose; metapleuron rugose; propodeum aerolate-rugose, longitudinal and transversal carinae absent, median depression weakly impressed. Duration of the pupal stage is usually eight to nine days, but under cool conditions may extend for up to 22 days.

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CEW has an orange head capsule, but the body is highly variable in color brown, yellow, green, pink, red, etc. Proper fumigation is costly, dangerous, and requires considerable equipment, supplies, and knowledge along with substantial paper work and notification.

### **Saddleback Caterpillars: Watch Out for that Sting**

Front wing: length of vein r 0. Front wing: length of vein r 0. Before your corn is even planted, fall or early spring tillage of corn stubble helps control European corn borer.

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