

Eggplant Insect Pests

Eggplant Leaf Roller

Eublemma olivacea



Damage Symptoms

Young leaves are rolled lengthwise. Rolled leaves are brown and eventually dry. In heavy infestations entire portions of plants appear brown and leaf drop occurs.

Insect Characteristics

Caterpillars have chewing mouthparts and are purple-brown with many cream-colored hollow bumps and long hairs on the back and sides. The adult is an olive green moth that is active at night.



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Where to Look

Inspect the young leaves for signs of silken webbing and rolled leaves. Open these leaves and look for the caterpillar and signs of chewing damage on the leaf surface.

Technical Information

The female lays eggs in masses on the young leaves. Each mass may have 8-22 eggs. The caterpillar feeds for about 4 weeks and then pupates inside the rolled leaf. In favorable climates there may be three to four generations each year.

Control

To be added.

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