

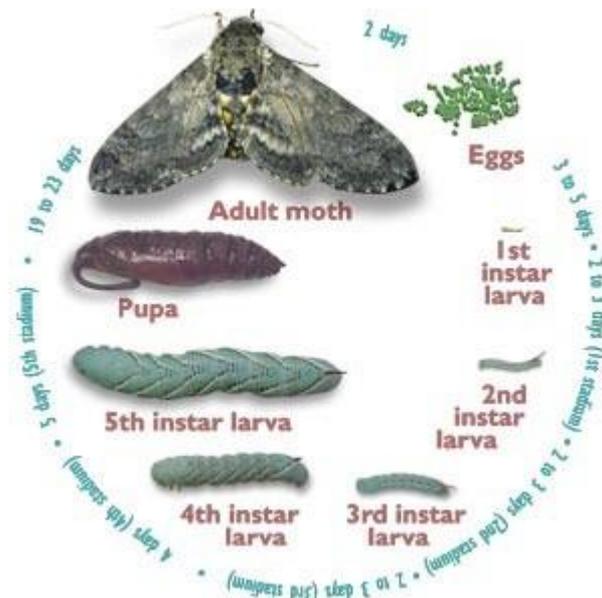
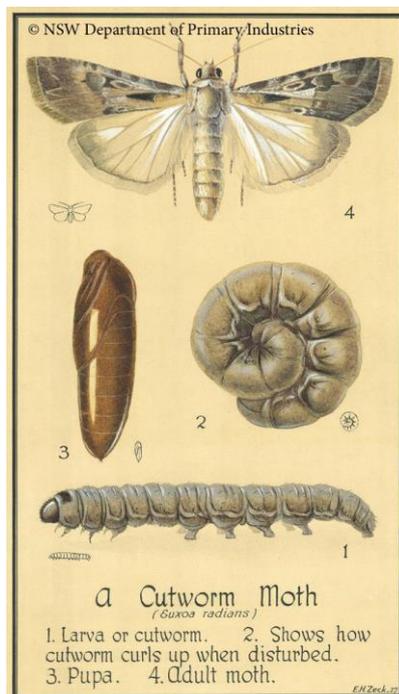
Cutworm, Grass caterpillar and Sod Webworm and the recent link with summer rainfall

Although summer rainfall is a welcome event for most home owners, some receive a little more than light rain.

With this summer rain and high humidity there have been reports of various pests and diseases affecting lawns across Western Australia. These weather conditions create the ideal environment/opportunity for pests and diseases to cause serious damage. In recent weeks the topic has become quite popular on talk back radio across the state.

One such pest is Cutworm. The life cycle of the Cutworm begins with the light coloured moth flying into only the healthiest yard with the greenest lawn and deposits it's eggs.

The life cycle of the cutworm moth can vary but is normally around 23 days.



It can cause serious damage quite quickly if not treated promptly.

The attacks can be quite random.

One garden in the suburb may be attacked without any damage to another lawn in the area.

The moth does prefer a very well cared for lawn.

The broader and greener the leaf, the better.

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How to check for cutworm.

Check the leaves of the grass for chew marks



In the evening, shine a torch on a small area of turf and pour over some warm soapy water. Check if anything wriggles to the surface. Shake nearby shrubs, anything with foliage and look for moths. This can vary from a few to hundreds.



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Images of cutworm damage



Signs of early damage



Severe damage - Complete removal of foliage

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How to treat



RRP \$75.00

Purchase BIFENTHRIN from any garden centre, Hardware store or Stockfeeders.
Apply 5mls to 10 litres water in a watering can.
Water over the whole turfed area of yard then turn sprinklers on for 5 minutes.
Each watering can will cover 10m²
This should be done at sunset or late afternoon.
Repeat the process in 7-10 days.
This same mix can also be used for black beetle.
Fertilise in 10 days with a well balanced fertiliser

Organic Alternatives



RRP \$18.00



RRP \$24.00

YATES NATURE'S WAY CATERPILLAR KILLER DIPEL BIO-INSECTICIDE or SUCCESS ULTRA

Purchase Nature's Way or Success Ultra, both products are available at Bunnings.
Follow the instructions on the packaging.

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