

IDENTIFICATION OF TWO LARVA[E] LIKELY TO BE CONFUSED WITH COPITARSIA SP.

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Copitarsia sp., mature larva.

1. With bars on T2 and T3 at the SD1 and SD2 position.
2. Without tooth on inside of mandible
3. Spiracles are white (ignore the peritreme), esp. of T1 and A8
4. Head is reticulate (netted).
5. Body above a line through spiracles is peppered with dark spots.
6. Labial palp and spin[n]eret as figured. [blunt with indent]
7. Body setae white.

Copitarsia sp., small larva. Same as above with following exceptions.

1. Head spotted with dark spots.
2. Body setae are dark.

Spodoptera exigua (Hubner)

1. With bars on T2 and T3 only at the SD2 position.
2. Spiracles yellow to light brown (disregard the peritreme).
3. Body setae dark.
4. Four head setae in a line.
5. With dark spot at SD2 position on T2.

Peridroma saucia (Hubner)

1. With bars at SD2 position of T2 and T3.
2. Spiracles brown to dark brown.
3. Head with solid brown areas.
4. Spin[n]eret and labial palp as shown.
5. Body setae light brown.