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## Speckled green fruitworm - *Orthosia hibisci* (Guenee)

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Speckled green fruitworms have one generation per year. Pupae overwinter in the soil and adults emerge starting in very early spring. Egg hatch occurs at the half-inch-green stage.

Larvae feed on leaves, buds and developing fruit. Most damaged fruit will drop prematurely. Larval feeding results in deep, corky scars. Injury may be confused with that caused by early RBLR feeding, but is usually deeper.



Adults of most species are large brownish moths with wingspans of about 40 mm.



Larvae are light green with a pair of lateral white stripes and additional white spots (35-40 mm long).

## Additional information

- For more monitoring information and evaluation of available pesticides: [Michigan Fruit Management Guide](#)
- [A Practical Guide to Scouting Apple Orchards](#) – a DVD showing how to scout apple orchards.
- [MSU Diagnostic Services](#) for assistance in pest identification.
- [MSU Fruit Crop Advisory Team Alert](#) newsletters for current pest/crop conditions.

This information was developed from [A Pocket Guide for IPM Scouting in Michigan Apples](#) by David Epstein, Larry J. Gut and George W. Sundin. Purchase this in a pocket-sized guide for reference in the orchard from [MSU Extension](#) (publication E-2720).

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