Cutworms damage plants by feeding on young tissues. They spend the day time in leaf litter or in upper soil layers under bushes, and they tend to be more of a problem in weedy fields. Larvae are active at night and crawl up onto bushes after the first warm spring days. For this reason, inspect bushes for injured buds during delayed-dormant to budbreak. Buds may be partly or entirely consumed, and multiple buds may be damaged during one night of feeding. Cutworm larvae are typically 1 inch long (25 mm) and dark colored. When disturbed, they curl into a C-shape.