

Variegated Golden Moth Tortrix

Archips xylosteanus

Native to Europe and Asia, the Variegated Golden Moth Tortrix has **not yet been identified in the U.S.** The Variegated Golden Moth Tortrix is an insect pest of ornamental, orchard, forest trees and fruit plants, particularly those in the Rosaceae (oak, maple ash elm, linden and dogwood) family.



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Identifying Features:

Adults have a wingspan approximately 15-23 mm in length, with the forewings being whitish with reddish-brown markings evident. The hind wings are grayish. The head and thorax are light purplish-brown and the antennae are simple and filiform. The abdomen is grey.

Larvae can grow to 16-22 mm long. They are whitish-grey in color, although sometimes they can be grey or dark bluish-grey. Thoracic legs are black. The heads are shiny black and anal combs are present on each larva.

Damage:

- Larvae attack foliage and inhabit rolled leaves.
- Larvae feed on flowers, fruits and leaves.
- Larvae may disfigure host plants, although feeding is confined mainly to fully expanded leaves.

Information Sources

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