

# Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Garden Webworm

**Scientific Name:** *Achyra rantalis*

**Order and Family:** Lepidoptera: Crambidae

**Size and Appearance:**

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>		
<b>Larva/Nymph</b>	12.75mm – 19mm	Yellow-brown head capsule, yellow-green to green body with six prominent dark spots on each abdominal segment, three on each side, and a pale green stripe along the back.
<b>Adult</b>	19mm wingspan	Beige moths with irregular brown and grey markings
<b>Pupa (if applicable)</b>		Silk-lined cell

**Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.):** Chewing

**Host plant/s:** Many vegetables including cabbage, beet, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, pigweed, dock, and more.

**Description of Damage (larvae and adults):** Larvae feed primarily on the underside of leaves, leaving a “skeletonized” look, later developmental stages produce webbing to create a loose shelter.

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