

## Agricultural Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Desert Locust

**Scientific Name:** *Schistocerca gregaria*

**Order and Family:** Orthoptera: Acrididae

**Size and Appearance:**

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>	7-8 mm. Egg pod is 3-4 cm long, contains up to 100 eggs	Buried in moist sand in foam similar to mantis eggs
<b>Larva/Nymph</b>	7mm – 40 mm	Green, mottled or pink due to environment and crowding
<b>Adult</b>	45-60mm	Green and brown mottled (solitary) or yellow and brown mottled. (gregarious/swarming) Under wet and crowded conditions will swarm.
<b>Pupa (if applicable)</b>		

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

**Host/s:** Vegetarian, during swarms will strip vegetation to the ground.

**Description of Economic Importance (Nymphs and adults):** Adults may swarm under certain conditions. Swarms may last for months and adults will consume any vegetation they encounter, leading to famine.

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