

## CATERPILLARS

### **Description:**

These are the larval stage of a butterfly or moth's lifecycle.  
Would you know which butterfly or moth larvae you are dealing with?

### **Detection:**

Stripped leaves usually leaving the skeleton or even nothing is a sure sign of caterpillar attack. They usually eat from the leaf edge inwards.  
If you have a good photograph of a caterpillar or any other pest we would welcome you to share them with us via our Facebook page



### **Control:**

***Always try to identify your caterpillars before ridding yourself of them - they could turn out to be a rare native butterfly or moth. One helpful website for this and similar questions is <http://www.ispot.org.uk/>***

#### **Non-chemical control:-**

Barriers are the most effective control without risk to our less butterfly and moth species they are also very effective protection for brassicas. Pick them off and remove to a local hedgerow or suitable plant host.

**Py** ready to use insect killer spray containing natural pyrethrins is effective and is suitable for fruits, vegetables and ornamentals, this also comes as a powder.

#### **Biological control:-**

Nemasys are available from May to September.

#### **Chemical control:-**

**Provado Ultimate Bug Killer**, active ingredient imidacloprid, is available and for fruiting crops  
**Ultimate Fruit & Vegetable Bug Killer**, active ingredient deltamethrin, is also effective.



**ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS WHEN USING CHEMICAL CONTROL PRODUCTS**