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## ***Whiteshouldered house moth***

*Use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for successful pest management.*

### ***Biology***

The whiteshouldered house moth is occasionally found in household products. The adults are quite distinctive, having grayish-white wings with dark spots and a “shoulder” area that is bright white. This white shoulder becomes less pronounced as the adult ages. Adults have a wingspan of about 1/2 to 3/4 inch. Larvae are white with brown heads and are about 1/3 inch long at maturity. Larvae feed on grain products, wool or other protein-based clothing or carpets, corks, dry seeds, fungi on trees, on rubbish in bird nests, and on other foodstuffs or organic debris which has accumulated.

### ***Management Options***

#### **Non-Chemical Management**

- ~ Find the source of the infestation and dispose of it.
- ~ Physically destroy the larvae and pupae before they become reproductive adults. Adults can be eliminated with devices like fly swatters.
- ~ Maintain food in tightly-sealed containers to keep pests out.

*Select non-chemical management options as your first choice!*

#### **Chemical Management**

*IMPORTANT: Visit Home and Garden Fact Sheets for more information on using pesticides*

None recommended.

*Whiteshouldered house moth*

*Images*



~ Caption: *Whiteshouldered house moth adult*  
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