

The **five-spotted hawkmoth** (*Manduca quinquemaculata*) is a brown and gray hawk moth of the Sphingidae family. The caterpillar, often referred to as the **tomato hornworm**, can be a major pest in gardens. Tomato hornworms are closely related to (and sometimes confused with) the tobacco hornworm (*Manduca sexta*). This confusion arises because caterpillars of both species feed on the foliage of various plants from the family Solanaceae, and the plant on which the caterpillar is found does not indicate its species. Tomato hornworms have eight V-shaped white markings with no borders and dark blue or black horns.

