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# Invertebrate of the Month

## October-November 2010



### ***Sorama bicolor***

A moth in the family Notodontidae, *Sorama bicolor* is a common inhabitant of the Western Australian jarrah forest. This species is present throughout Australia (including Tasmania); its larvae feed on eucalypts. The wing span is 60 mm in females (left) and 40 mm in males (right). The male specimen pictured on the right is 23 mm long. Our light traps in the jarrah forest often capture many specimens and, given their size, they must have a significant impact on our environment. Some Notodontids in other parts of the world cause significant defoliation of their hosts and many species are recognized as serious forest pests. In Australia however, species within this family are rarely reported as a problem forest defoliator.