What's Eating Your Collection?

Common or webbing clothes moth Tineola bisselliella

Adult

Size: About 10mm

Shape: small moth, wings along back

Colour: silvery gold

Antennae: long

Distinguishing features: brush of orange hairs on the head. No markings on the wings

Adults eat: Nothing

Larvae are pests of: animal protein including wool, fur and feathers

Damage: copious webbing tubes and frass, ragged holes

Often found on: textiles, carpets and natural history collections







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Case-bearing clothes moth Tinea pellionella



Moth webbing on carpet



Moth webbing on chair



Tineola damage and frass on wool



Tineola egg



Tineola larva in webbing



Tineola larvae, frass and webbing



Webbing clothes moth larva



Webbing clothes moth larvae Tineola bisselliella