



What's Eating Your Collection?

Brown house moth larva *Hofmannophila pseudospretella*

Fully grown larva

Size: 1mm when first hatched to 15mm when fully grown

Shape: cylindrical

Colour: Whiteish with black speckles

Antennae: Not visible

Distinguishing features: Brown head capsule, dark speckles on body

Larvae are pests of: damp textiles.

Although very common in historic houses they rarely cause damage to collections unless they are very damp. They are often found in traps in fireplaces and often indicate a blocked flue. This is usually the only time that larvae are seen.



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