What's Eating Your Collection?

Case-bearing clothes moth larva Tinea pellionella

Half grown larva in silk case
Size: 2-10mm (case)

Shape: Flattened silk cylinder, slightly wider at each end, with larva inside.

Colour: Larva is white with dark brown head. Cases white silk, often with fragments of material being eaten. See related objects.

Antennae: None

Distinguishing features: Larva usually inside case - the larva carries the case with it.

Larvae are pests of: Wool, skin, fur, feathers and occasionally dirty silk.

Note: Their natural home is birds' nests.



Related Objects



Case bearing clothes moth larvae and cases



Case-bearing clothes moth cases on feathers



Case-bearing clothes moth cases on trap



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