



# What's Eating Your Collection?

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## Case-bearing clothes moth *Tinea pellionella*

Adult

Size: about 10mm

Shape: small moth with wings along back

Colour: silvery grey

Antennae: long

Distinguishing features: brush of orange hairs on head and two indistinct marks on each wing

Adults eat: very little

Larvae are pests of: protein such as wool textiles, fur, feathers etc

Damage: grazing and larval cases and frass, ragged holes

Often found on: textiles, carpets, natural history collections and in birds nests







## Related Objects



Brown dotted clothes  
moth *Niditinea fuscella*



Case bearing clothes  
moth larvae and cases



Case-bearing clothes  
moth cases on dead  
bird



Case-bearing clothes  
moth cases on feathers



Case-bearing clothes  
moth cases on trap



Case-bearing clothes  
moth cases *Tinea*  
*pellionella*



Case-bearing clothes  
moth larva *Tinea*  
*pellionella*



Case-bearing clothes  
moth *Tinea pellionella*  
larva in case



Common or webbing  
clothes moth *Tineola*  
*bisselliella*