



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





Related Objects



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



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larvae *Tineola*
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