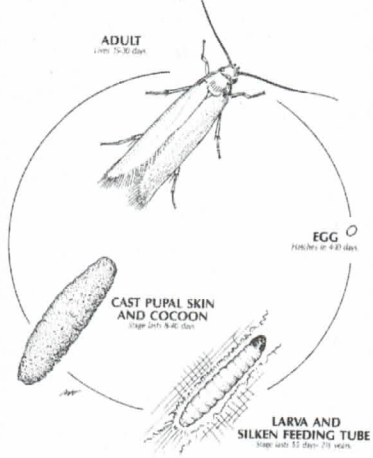


Webbing Clothes Moth

(*Tineola bisselliella*)



The male is attracted to the female by a scent from the abdomen of the female. This scent also induces courtship behavior. An excellent pheromone trapping system is available for this destructive textile pest.

Quiz: *What is the number one museum insect pest worldwide?*

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Match the shape:

- 1/3-inch long (8.5 mm)
- 1/2-inch wingspan (13 mm)

Match the food & site:

- Soiled wool or wool-blend fabrics, rugs, blankets, sweaters, suits
- Animal hair, fur, hides, feathers
- Adults are weak fliers, run on surfaces
- Females soon fill up with eggs and can't fly—larvae spin silk webbing covered with fecal pellets and fibers
- Holes found in fabric
- Fecal pellets can be the color of food being eaten

Match the color:

- Reddish-gold hairs on top of yellowish-gold head
- Two generations per year, spring flight and fall flight
- Larvae will wander some distance away from their preferred food source to pupate in crevices
- Developmental time from egg to adult is 4 to 6 months
- Prefers high humidity conditions
- Larvae are the destructive stage

(Answer: *Webbing clothes moth*)