

## WEBBING CLOTH MOTH



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### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Adult moths are ½" long from wing tip to wing tip.
  - When wings are folded the moth is about ¼" long.
  - Wings and body are a buff/golden color except for reddish hairs on top of the head.
  - Antennae are darker than the rest of the body.
  - Eyes are black.
  - The larvae are ½" long when mature, and are clear to a creamy white, with a light brown head.
  - Females lay an average of 40-50 eggs, either singly or in small groups over a 2-3 week period and glue them to material.
  - The eggs hatch within 4-10 days in the summer but may take up to 3 weeks in the winter.
- Development time from egg to adult varies from 50-90 days.
  - Females die after all her eggs have been laid, about 16 days.
  - Males live an average of 28 days.

### BASIC CONTROL

- Find the source.
- Wash clothing in very hot water and dry in a very hot dryer, this will kill moths in all stages.
- Furs, area rugs and dry clean only should be done by a professional.
- Use proper pheromone traps to attract adults.
- Residual sprays for cracks and crevices, around baseboards, drawers and shelving.
- Items can be frozen at -30C for 48 hours.
- Make sure all items are put in plastic bags if rooms haven't been treated to prevent re-infestation.