APPLE ERMINE MOTH

(Ypononmeuta malinellus)

Moths are white with many black spots on the wings and a wingspan of 10 to 12 mm. From June to August females deposit batches of eggs and cover them with a hard flat scale (hybernaculum) about 3 to 4 mm in diameter resembling the colour of the bark. After emerging the larvae remain under the hybernaculum until spring. When the larvae emerge, they feed between upper and lower leaf layers, moving out of the leaf later to build webs and cause further damage.



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