

Yponomeuta malinellus (Linnaeus)

Apple Ermine Moth

**NOT KNOWN TO
OCCUR IN IDAHO**



HOSTS

Apple (*Malus domestica*)

Crabapple (*Malus* spp.)

LIFE HISTORY

Larva: The larva is a caterpillar with color ranging from cream to gray to dark green, all with dark spots along the sides. It develops through five instars. The caterpillars feed within a communal web.

Pupa: The pupae, encased in white silk cocoons, hang in clusters within the web.

Adult: The adult has silvery white forewings with rows of small black spots. Its wingspan is about 3/4 inch.

DAMAGE

If tents and larvae are numerous enough, a tree can be seriously defoliated.

