

Batia lunaris (Hawort1828)

Wingspan 7-10 mm.

This tiny, but colourful species is present throughout most of England, and generally occurs in woodland habitats. It is very similar to *B. lambdella* in appearance, but the latter is generally larger.

[*Batia lambdella* (Donovan, 1793) Wingspan 11-17 mm. Very similar to *B. lunaris*, but about 50% larger.]

The moth flies in the UK territories in July and August, is mainly nocturnal in habits, and is attracted to light.

The larvae of most *Batia* species feed under the bark of various trees, possibly on fungi or decaying wood.

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