

The silkworm moth, *Bombyx mori*, which lives in white-fruited mulberry trees is a member of the *Bombycidae* or spinners, a subspecies of the *Lepidoptera* which, together with the *Saturniidae*, includes some of the most beautiful of all moths – the Kentish Glory, *Endromis versicolor*, the Great Peacock, *Bombyx atlas*, the Large Ermine, *Harpia vinala* and the Emperor moth, *Saturnia pavonia*. The fully developed silkworm moth, however, is an unprepossessing creature measuring a mere one and a half inches across and an inch length-ways. Its wings are ashen white with pale brown stripes and a crescent-shaped, often barely perceptible mark. The only purpose it has is to propagate. The male dies soon after mating. The female lays three to five hundred eggs over the course of several days, and then also dies.

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## The silkworm moth...(text)

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