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The Latin name for this moth is *Noctua pronuba*.

The Large Yellow Underwing is a nocturnal moth, foraging for food in the evening and then flying about the countryside. It is attracted to bright lights in the period from shortly before midnight until morning.

This is a medium-sized moth with a wingspan of 5 to 5.5cm. The male has dark forewings, the female's being paler. The forewings are a dull mottled brown or yellow. The hindwings are bright yellow-orange with a brown border.

The caterpillars are brown or green, with rows of tapering short dark stripes. They feed on many different herbaceous plants throughout the winter. They hibernate when fully grown.