

MOTHS

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The Latin name for the Puss moth is *Cerura vinula*.

This moth is common and widespread, and can be found in parks and gardens with suitable trees.

This is a large moth with a wingspan of 6 to 7cm. The male differs from the female in size and also by having pectinate antennae. It has silvery-grey wings with darker marks and stripes. They also have a silver-grey, fluffy, hairy body.

The caterpillars are large and green, up to 7cm long, with a reddish face and darker camouflage markings and 2 long striped tails. They feed from June until September on willow and poplar trees.