

British Moths & Butterflies in Museum Case, Circa 1910

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Height: 42 cm (16.5")

Width: 12 cm (4.7")

Depth: 4 cm (1.6")

Description

A beautifully preserved early 20th-century museum case displaying a varied collection of British moths and butterflies, circa 1910. Originally assembled for a private London museum, the collection offers a fascinating record of the period's enduring interest in natural history, taxonomy, and the study of the British landscape.

Arranged with the clarity and visual balance of an institutional display, the specimens reveal the remarkable diversity of native lepidoptera. Delicate butterflies sit alongside a range of moths, from modestly coloured species to more dramatic examples with finely patterned wings. Their differences in scale, colour, and marking create a richly detailed composition that rewards close observation.

At the turn of the 20th century, natural-history collections occupied an important place in both public education and private scholarship. Carefully mounted displays such as this were valued not only as scientific reference material but also as objects of beauty, bringing the intricacy of the natural world into the home or museum. This case retains that same appeal today: at once scholarly, decorative, and quietly evocative of a vanished era of collecting.

A compelling piece for a library, study, cabinet of curiosities, or interior with a strong interest in natural history and period display. Its museum provenance and early date make it an especially engaging example of British entomological collecting.