

The book cover features a central illustration of a moth with green and orange wings, glowing within a circular light. The background is a dark blue night sky with stars, planets, and leafy branches. The title 'THE LAST' is written in yellow, hand-drawn letters at the top, and 'MOTH' is written in larger yellow letters at the bottom.

THE LAST

MOTH

BIG BOOK OF MOTHS

There are lots of moths mentioned during the show. Take a look below to learn more about the wonderful moth varieties in Ireland. All of these moths live on Sherkin Island - where development of *The Last Moth* took place with Lepidopterist (moth expert) Philip Strickland.



Buff Arches

Her squiggly lines and orange colour make her look like a piece of stone. She is so pretty when looked at closely.



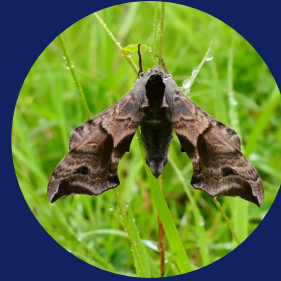
Straw Dot

I'm easy to remember because I'm the colour of straw and I've a dark dot. I like to rest in the grass with my head facing downwards.



Peppered Moth

You'll never find me when I'm asleep on a tree trunk. I had to change colour when there was lots of pollution.



Eyed Hawk Moth

If I get scared I flash my back wings and show my huge black and blue 'eyes'. This will frighten away the birds. My caterpillar is bright green with a 'unicorn' horn on my tail.



Common Carpet

She has black and white stripes and flies during the day like a small butterfly. Their caterpillars resemble small twigs to hide from the birds.



White Ermine Moth

I look like I'm wearing a white fur coat and underneath it I have a bright yellow body. My caterpillar is very hairy and can often be found crossing the footpath.



Pebble Prominent

The patch on his wings looks like a pebble but when looked at from the front he is very hairy.



Campion Moth

When I first emerge I have a purplish colour but I lose this after a day or two. I can be found flying around Red Campion flowers in the evening.



Gold Spot Moth

I have two shiny metallic spots on my wings which sparkle in the sunshine. I like to live near rivers and lakes.



Shears Moth

The markings on my wings look like a pair of scissors. I also like to live by the sea and eat dandelions.



Ghost Moth

The Males have silvery white wings and in the evening they dance over tall grass, floating like a ghost. The females are more secretive and have lovely yellow and orange colours.



Heart and Dart Moth

I've got a love heart and a dagger on my wings. Can you see these symbols?



Clouded Border Moth

I'm sometimes called the Cow Moth because I'm black and white. My marking change a lot depending on where I live.



Willow Beauty

I don't eat willow despite my name but I do eat loads of different trees and shrubs. You'll find me in your garden at night time during the summer.



Shark Moth

The tuft of hair on my head looks like a shark's fin. I also resemble a twig when I'm asleep.



Knot Grass

My caterpillar is hairy and very colourful but please don't pick me up. I eat lots of different plants.



Bordered Gothic

I only live on the south coast of Ireland. I have funny lines and marking on my wings which sometimes look like a horse's head.



Buff Tipp

I look exactly like a broken birch twig so I can hide in plain sight. When I'm an adult I don't eat as I live off the fat that I stored up as a caterpillar.



Foxglove Pug

We are named after a plant and a dog! We live inside the foxglove flower for most of our lives and you can find me wherever you see the plant.



Purple Bar

My wings look like a purple and white velvet cloak. I'm one of the carpet moths but I don't think I look like a carpet!



Mottled Beauty Moth

I live in the woods and hide by day on the tree trunks. I never look like my sisters and brothers, we are all totally different.



Pod Lover

I get my name from eating lots of seed pods. I also live at the seaside and love the beach.



Small Magpie

I'm black and white just like a magpie bird. I eat nettles so please leave some in your garden for me.



Flame Shoulder

I have brightly coloured stripes on the edge of my wings. I often fly in gardens throughout the summer and eat the weeds.



Leaf Miner

(Many different species of small moths are 'leafminers'.) We are so small we are nearly impossible to find. We live within a leaf so that we can't be eaten and we make squiggly lines.



Northern Deep Brown Dart

I usually live by the sea and hide during the day on the rocks where you'll never find me.

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