

MOTH TRAP

USER GUIDE

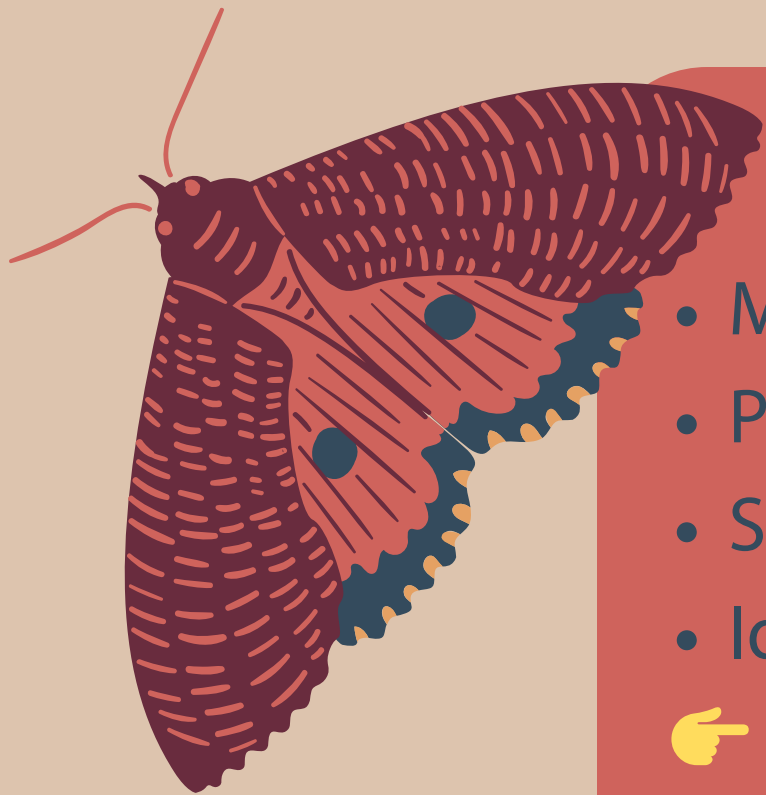


Moth traps are a safe and fascinating way to discover the wildlife in your garden. This guide will help you get started.

WHAT IS A MOTH TRAP?

The NHBS Moth Trap is a lightweight, portable trap that has been tested and approved by the Butterfly Conservation.

It uses an artificial light source to attract moths during the night. This allows you to trap moths in order to examine, identify, record your findings, and release them. It is mains powered, using a single 20W blacklight bulb (included), and comes with a 4.5m power lead fitted with a standard UK plug.



WHATS IN THE KIT?

- Moth trap with light
- Power lead and safety (RCD) plug
- Small pots for collecting moths
- Identification guide and hawk moth sheet
- ☞ Always use the safety plug (RCD) when plugging in the trap.

TOP TIPS!

- Handle moths gently and as little as possible
- Always release them after observing
- Don't worry if you can't identify everything—start with larger or brighter moths
- Hawk moths are a great place to begin!



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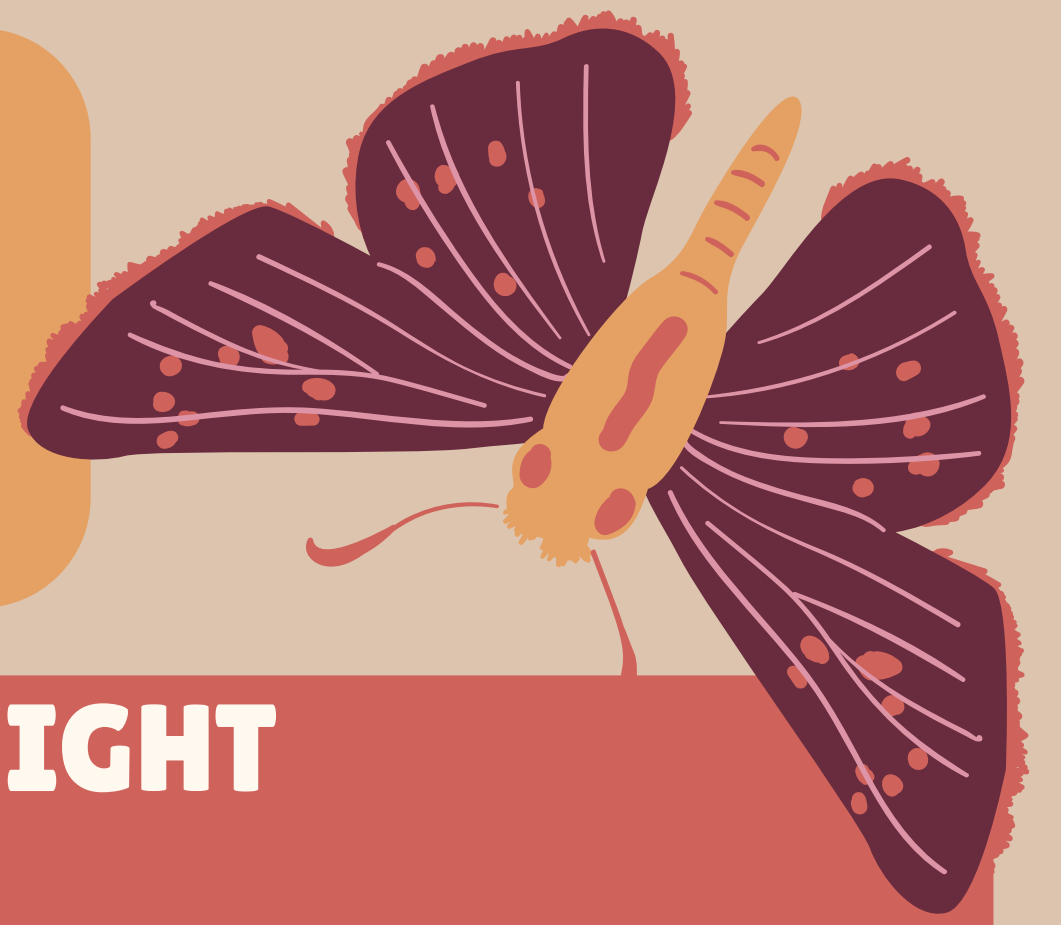


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HOW TO SET IT UP

- Place the trap on a white sheet
- Position it away from neighbours' windows
- Plug it in safely
- Switch it on at sunset



LEAVE IT OVERNIGHT

- Let the trap run through the night
- Avoid using it in heavy rain or strong winds

CHECK IN THE MORNING

- Switch the trap off early (before birds arrive!)
- If needed, cover it with a towel to keep it cool
- Look around the trap before stepping near it

LOOK AT YOUR MOTHS

- Gently place moths into the small pots
- If they are very active, pop them in the fridge briefly to calm them
- Use the guide or apps to identify what you find

RECORD WHAT YOU FIND

- Recording your sightings helps scientists understand and protect wildlife.
- Try to note: What you saw, Where you were, The date
- You can record your sightings using the iRecord app.
- [What's Flying Tonight | Butterfly Conservation](#)
- [ObsIdentify - Apps - Observation.org](#)
- [iRecord](#)



RELEASE YOUR MOTHS

- Release them at dusk, or place them into dense, overgrown vegetation during the day so they can shelter from predators.
- Avoid trapping in the same spot on consecutive nights. Giving the moths a break allows them time to forage, feed, and find mates

