

# MOTH MYTHS - TRUE OR FALSE?

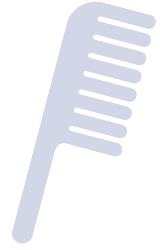
Discuss and decide whether these statements are correct

Answers on the next page

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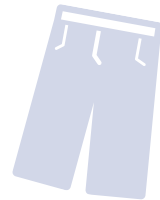
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## ANSWERS

### Moths only come out at night

**FALSE:** Most species are nocturnal, but the UK is also home to at least 150 species that come out in the day.

### Moths will get stuck in my hair

**FALSE:** Or at least very unlikely. Moths have excellent senses to find their way around and don't generally like being in hair!

### Moths eat clothes

**TRUE:** But only partially. Out of the 1000s of species of UK moth only a few moth larvae eat clothes and even then its only certain fabrics.

### Moths are attracted to light because they're stupid

**FALSE:** But interestingly no one is completely sure why this does happen. Some different theories include: pheromones given out by female moths may glow in the same way, making light attractive to males; some species use the moon to navigate so light might confuse them; the light makes them think its daytime and want to settle.

### Moths can be colourful

**TRUE:** Many species are dull coloured for camouflage but there are also a lot of brightly coloured moths.

### Moths are boring

**FALSE:** Moths show amazing diversity, have fascinating lifecycles and are an essential part of ecosystems.

### You have to be an expert to identify moths

**FALSE:** Some species are very hard to identify correctly but a lot are more easy. A lot of moth identification is done by carefully studying wing patterns + body shape. Use a book or a good website. Some useful links are [here](#).