

MOTH / NOT A MOTHS?

Many moths have incredibly unusual names! Some of the names below are real UK moths and others are made up. Have a go at guessing which IS a moth and which IS NOT a moth

Shark

Elephant

Purple Clay

Black-whiskered
Beauty

hawk-moth

Uncertain

pink
shoulder

Heart &
Dart

Rosy
Minor

Sycamore

Brown-spot
Major

Common
pug

Common
swift

Coniferous

Hebrew
character

Oblique
Carpet

Speckled
Wood

Mossy Flyer

Common
Darter

Spectacle

Flame
Shoulder



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MOTH / NOT A MOTH? Answers

SHARK: **Moth**. Has a point on its head like a sharks fin.

ELEPHANT HAWK-MOTH: **Moth**. Caterpillars look like an elephant.

BLACK-WHISKERED BEAUTY: **Not a moth**.

UNCERTAIN: **Moth**. Hard to identify species.

PINK SHOULDER: **Not a moth**.

HEART & DART: **Moth**. Patterns on its wings resemble hearts and darts.

CONIFEROUS: **Not a Moth**.

ROSY MINOR: **Moth**. Small moth with slightly pink-ish colouration.

BROWN-SPOT MAJOR: **Not a moth**. Although there is a Brown-spot Pinion.

COMMON PUG: **Moth**. Although a pug is also a breed of dog.

COMMON SWIFT: **Moth**. Although a Swift is also a bird.

HEBREW CHARACTER: **Moth**. Has character-like markings on its wings.

FLAME SHOULDER: **Moth**. Has light flashes along its wing-edges like flames.

MOSSY FLYER: **Not a moth**.

COMMON DARTER: **Not a moth**. It's a dragonfly.

OBLIQUE CARPET: **Moth**. Just 1 of at least 45 moths with carpet in the name.

PURPLE CLAY: **Moth**. Has purplish, orange-ish wings

SPECKLED WOOD: **Not a Moth**. It's a butterfly.

SPECTACLE: **Moth**. Has white rings around its eyes

SYCAMORE: **Moth**. But also a tree.

