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Animal Fact Sheet

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Death's-head hawkmoth

Acherontia atropos

The Death's-head hawkmoth is a large, striking moth known for the distinctive skull-shaped marking on its thorax. This nocturnal insect is famous both for its eerie appearance and its ability to emit...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Sphingidae

Habitat: Open woodland, gardens, and farmlands

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 3 to 5 weeks (adult stage)

Weight: 1 to 3 grams

Scientific name: *Acherontia atropos*

Did you know?

- The Death's-head hawkmoth has been featured in popular culture, most notably in the film 'The Silence of the Lambs,' where it became an iconic symbol.
- The Death's-head hawkmoth can emit a loud squeak by forcing air out of its pharynx, a rare feature among moths. It is also known for raiding beehives...

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