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Animal Fact Sheet

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Peppered Moth

Biston betularia

Biston betularia is the most famous case study in evolution taught in schools, and it is also the most often falsely claimed to be a fraud. The facts: before industrialisation, nearly all British pep…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Geometridae
Habitat: Deciduous and mixed woodlands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 11-12 months (including larval and pupal stages)
Weight: 0.1-0.2 grams
Scientific name: Biston betularia

Did you know?

- During the Industrial Revolution, the frequency of the dark-colored (melanic) form of the peppered moth dramatically increased in polluted areas due …
- The carbonaria mutation is a single insertion of a transposon into an intron of the cortex gene, and the same gene controls wing pattern in Heliconiu…

What I learned

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