

A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF MOTHS DIVERSITY IN
UITM NEGERI SEMBILAN

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ABSTRACT

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A study on moth's diversity was carried out for one month survey from 1st July 2013 until 31st July 2013 in UiTM Negeri Sembilan. A total of 26 individuals out of 12 species from 5 families were collected during this period. This study was done in order to determine the diversity of moth and to create a checklist of moth diversity in UiTM Negeri Sembilan. This objective was achieved by catching some moths from different areas in study site such as guard house, administration building and college area. The moths must be handling with care by using triangle case envelopes to prevent any damage occur towards the moths. The moths were sorted to their morphological appearance then undergo pinning process. After pinning, identification of moths according to their family, genus and species was done. Labeling process was the final step in our project. Based on the results obtained, the species of moth that found at administration building was *Spilosoma lubricipeda* and at college area are *Abraxas grossulariata*, *Actias maenas*, *Ambulyx subocellata*. Other than that, *Metarranthis duaria*, *Orthosia cerasi*, *Daphnis hypothous*, *Eacles imperialis*, *Theretra latreillii*, *Theretra clotho*, *Orthosia pacifica* and *Catocola conversa* are found at guard house. A Shannon-Weiner Index (H') was used to measure the degree of species composition per unit area which is 0.86. Then 3.38 is the number of species in a sample per unit area according to Richness index (R). For Evenness index (E), 0.8 pattern of distribution of species was determined.