

Rare Moth Sighted

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A⊠volunteer has captured on⊠camera an⊠endangered moth rarely spotted on⊠Kamchatka, one of⊠the peninsula's nature reserves said.

The⊠moth, known as the⊠blue underwing, is the⊠largest species of moth found on⊠Kamchatka and⊠had only been seen on⊠the peninsula once previously.

On⊠Tuesday, the⊠Kronotsky nature reserve said in⊠a statement that volunteer Irina Vasiliga snapped the⊠moth while taking part in⊠a photo competition to⊠catalog the⊠reserve's fauna.

"I saw the⊠moth sitting on⊠the window frame⊠— it was flying toward the⊠light. I've never seen such a⊠large insect in⊠all my life, it was roughly the⊠size of⊠a man's palm," Vasiliga said.

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