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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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