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## D. L. Coates Collection of Lepidoptera: Perth Museum & Art Gallery

Perth Museum has recently acquired the lepidoptera collection of the late David Laurence Coates of Birnam, Perth. The bulk of the collection (70 drawers) consists of lepidoptea from Scotland - mainly Stirling and Aberfoyle with lesser numbers from Blair Atholl and Birnam. There are a few English specimens mainly from Windsor. The collection contains approx. 10,000 specimens collected between 1960 and 1980 and most of the specimen data is already at BRC. A list of species represented is available and enquiries regarding the collection would be welcome.

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