They seem like the 'poor cousins' of butterflies. Yet moths are more numerous and equally as beautiful, says photographer Jim des Rivières. A new show at the Museum of Nature sets out to prove his point on a mammoth scale.



One of Jim des Rivières's favourite moths, the two-spotted looper, above, looks from a distance like a tiny brown moth with spots, but a closeup look reveals a delicate, colourful beauty.



This Cecropia Moth was collected in Crosby, Ontario.



This Great Tiger Moth was found at Camp Fortune, Quebec.

Find more of Jim des Rivières' photos of moths online at ottawacitizen.com



This Luna Moth was collected at Lac Bonin, Quebec.



This Blinded Sphinx Moth was collected at Lac Bonin, Quebec.



This White Furcula Moth was also found at Lac Bonin.