

Exhibit winging its way to Carleton

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From science geeks to girl scouts, large crowds will be admiring insects when Carleton University's 12th annual live butterfly show kicks off Saturday.

"It's something about seeing them free, it's just very appealing," said biology student Amanda Lindeman, 25, who's working toward her PhD.

More than 11,000 people attended last year.

"It's free, it's educational, it's fun," said greenhouse manager Ed Bruggink.

About 1,300 butterflies representing 41 different species worldwide are featured in the 10-day event.

The main supplier is in England but this year, there's another source from the U.S.

"We have some very interesting African species coming in," said Bruggink. "I'm very excited about that."

And insect fanatics just can't get enough of "the variety, the colours, the sizes, the



QMI Agency reporter Kelly Roche holds the world's largest moth — the Atlas moth — during the media preview of Carleton University's 12th annual butterfly show. ERROL MCGIHON, QMI AGENCY

way they move. And they're so delicate. They're harmless, they're just beautiful creatures," said Bruggink.