

## Image Of The Day: Moth Resurrection

Entomologists have rediscovered a species of moth that was considered lost for 130 years.

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The bee-mimicking moth *Heterosphecia tawonoides* MARTA SKOWRON VOLPONI

After not finding a single specimen for 130 years, the oriental blue clearwing moth *Heterosphecia tawonoides* was re-discovered by entomologists in the jungles of Malaysia. The species was known only from a damaged museum specimen that had been collected in 1887. It not only looks like a bee, it also behaves like a bee in real life, the scientists found.

M.A.S. Volponi & P. Volponi, "A 130-year-old specimen brought back to life: A lost species of beemimicking clearwing moth, Heterosphecia tawonoides (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae: Osminiini), rediscovered in peninsular Malaysia's primary rainforest," Trop Conserv Sci, doi:0.1177/1940082917739774, 2017.