

The Zoology Museum of Mar Ivanios College

The Zoology Museum is one of Mar Ivanios College's major attractions, displaying thousands of specimens spanning the entire animal kingdom, from Whale skeleton, Elephant skeleton, to birds, reptiles, insects and molluscs. It is part of the Department of Zoology, Mar Ivanios College and welcomes over 1000 visitors every year.

The museum designed to engage and inspire a new generation of visitors. Specimens in the museum tell the stories of the collections, provides information on evolution, exploration and conservation and highlights the diversity of animal life. Our collections are amongst the best in the country. As well as being open for the public to enjoy, they are used for academic study by researchers and students across the country.

What's new at the Museum of Zoology?

The new whale skeleton, The Bryde's Whale {*Balaenoptera edeni*} also known as the Tropical Whale or Eden's Whale, the Bryde's Whale resembles a number of other whale species' outward appearance, which often leads to misidentification. Bryde's Whale resembles the Sei Whale most significantly, but also bears resemblance to the Fin and Minke varieties. The name is pronounced "Brood-ess", and comes from one of the pioneers of whaling in South Africa, Johan Bryde. What makes this whale identifiable to those with a keen eye is the three ridges that run longitudinally and parallel to one another along the top of the whale's head. These are at the same level as the two blowholes. Because this is a baleen whale, it needs to expand its mouth when swallowing large amounts of water. For this, it has grooves along the lower jaw, which allow it to concertina open and closed more effectively. This whale is dark grey or black, with white markings on its throat and chin.

Size

Adult Bryde's Whales reach a length of between 11.5 and 14.5 m.

Weight

The average weight of a fully-grown Bryde's Whale is between 12 and 20 tonnes.

Habitat

Interestingly, there appears to be two different kinds of Bryde's Whales. One occupies the offshore waters and migrates to some extent, while the other stays inshore (where it is shallower and warmer) throughout the year and seasons. It opts for tropical, subtropical and temperate waters through the central strip of the oceans of the world.



Our Collections

More than five thousand zoological specimens housed in the gallery of the Zoology museum, which we collected over the past 60 years, including animals now that are extinct.

The specimens are made available for undergraduate teaching and multidisciplinary researchers for greater understanding and appreciation of our natural world. The collections provide essential data about animal distribution in a changing world.

The Vertebrate Store

The Museum holds many wonderful vertebrate treasures, such as skeleton of Blue whale, Asian elephant, Eggs of Emu, Ostrich, Conjoined twins, placenta from different animals, Different snakes etc

The Invertebrate Store

Over 1000 specimens ranging from Protista to Echinodermates including slides collected across the country fill the Invertebrate Store. Most of specimens are terrestrial arthropods, but there are large collections of marine and freshwater invertebrates.













































