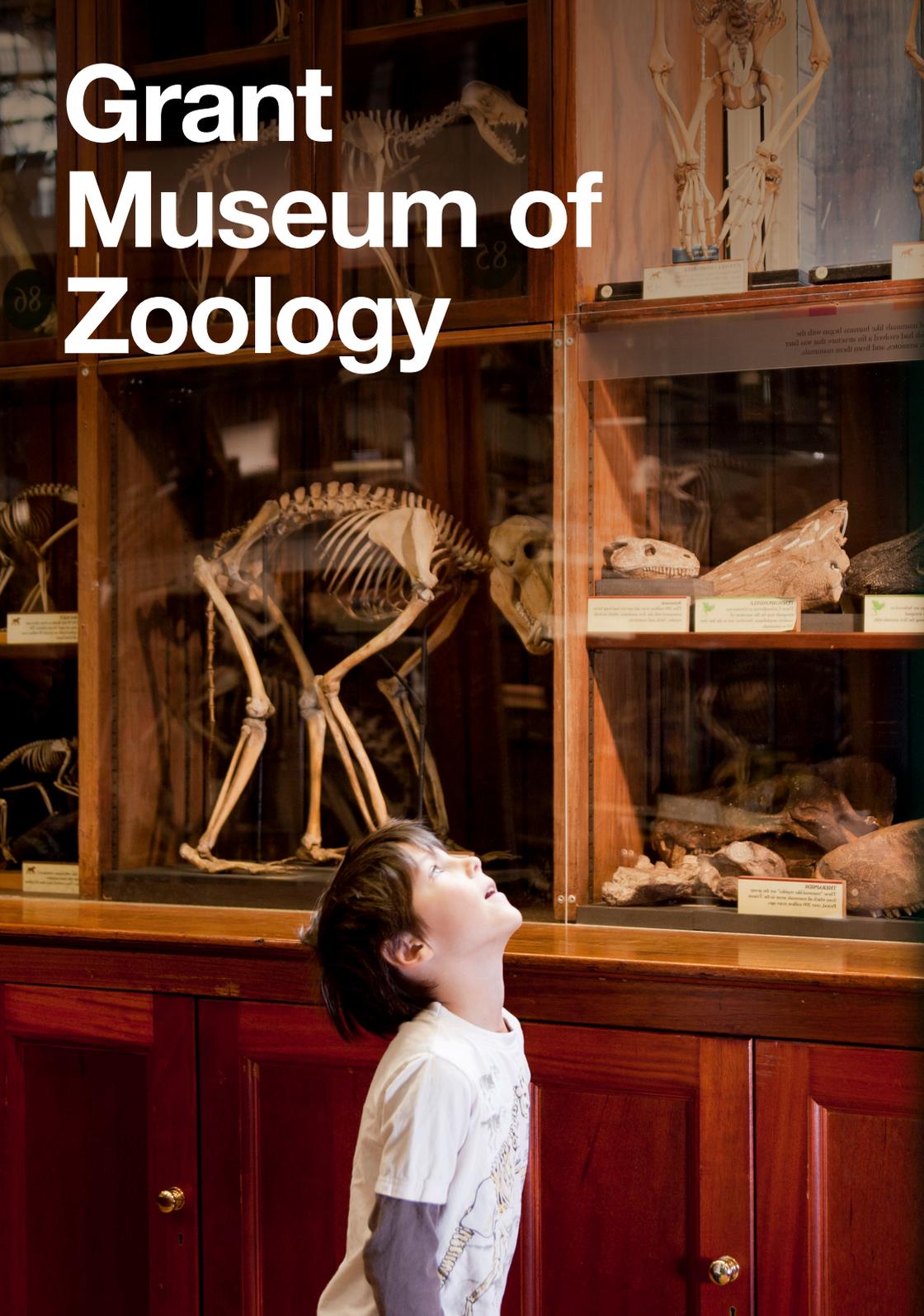


Grant Museum of Zoology



Do you know your dodo from your quagga?

The Grant Museum of Zoology is one of the UK's oldest natural history museums and the last university zoology museum in London. It is home to 68,000 specimens from the whole of the animal kingdom. The museum has rare specimens of extinct animals including one of only seven quagga skeletons in the world, dodo bones and the famous glass jar of moles.

The museum offers free exhibitions, after-dark Late events, family workshops, school visits and free weekly tours. See website for details.

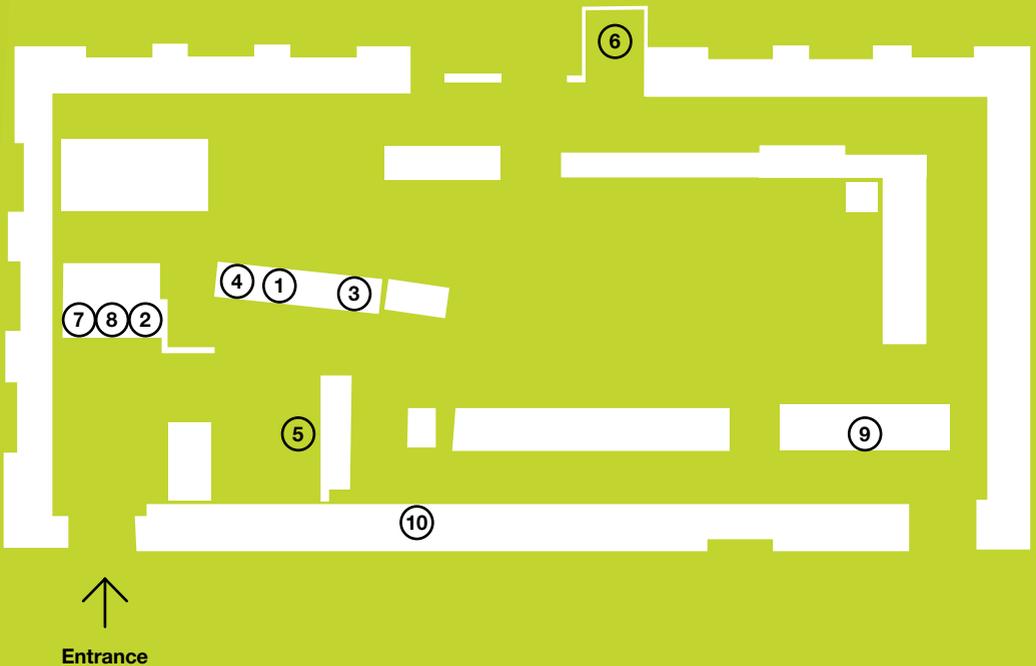


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Bobtail squid © Oliver Siddons

The Grant Museum in 10 specimens

Follow the map below to discover some of the museum's most unusual specimens.

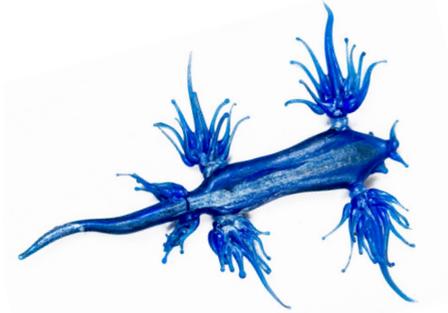


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Location: Case 21

Quagga skeleton

There are only seven known examples of this South African zebra, extinct since 1883, making this the rarest skeleton in the world.



02

Location: Case 14

Blaschka glass models of invertebrates

A collection of anatomically perfect models of species which were hard to preserve, made by 19th century Czech jewellers.

03

Location: Case 21

Thylacines

These dog-like carnivorous marsupials were deliberately driven to extinction in 1936. This is an extremely rare skeleton.



04

Location: Case 21

Dodo bones

These icons of extinction had disappeared by 1681. The Grant Museum has a large assemblage of bones.

05

Location:
By the museum entrance

Giant deer

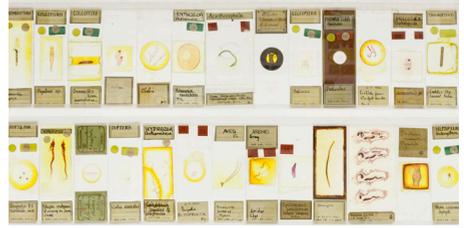
An ice-age wonder went extinct about 7000 years ago. Its antlers were almost twice as wide as its height.



06

Location:
Opposite case 5

The Micrarium: A place for tiny things
A beautiful back-lit cave of 2300 microscope slides giving a glimpse of the vast diversity of animal life, nearly all of which is minute.



07

Location: Case 12

Jar of preserved moles
One of the most bizarre objects in the museum's collection is a large jar crammed full of whole preserved moles.

08

Location: Case 13

The brain collection
An unusual comparative anatomy collection displaying differences between the brains of different animals.



09

Location: Case 16

Rock python skeleton
This intricate 5m long snake skeleton is unusually displayed wrapped around a branch. The animal lived at London Zoo.

10

Location: Case 94

The Negus collection of bisected heads
A collection of preserved heads comparing the anatomy of animal throats including an orang-utan, red panda and alligator.



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