

# W. Wood J.O. Westwood - Index Entomologicus, A Complete Illustrated Catalogue of



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Beautifully illustrated 2 volume set, one with catalog and the other with 58 handcoloured steel engravings, with on average over 35 butterflies and moths illustrations to each plate.

Westwood (1805-1893) was one of the most prominent entomologists of his era with rare artistic talent.

He was born in Sheffield, England , from a modest working class background. He trained to be a lawyer instead he pursued his deep interest in entomology.

Westwood had a very close friendship with Frederick William Hope, that was a very important British intellectual and also "father in Entomology" of Charles Darwin. Westwood and Hope shared a deep interest in entomology, collecting a wide selection of geographically arranged specimens. Westwood was assiduous in purchasing even small collections which he recognised as being important: extremely rare and prized were the specimens of his Australian insects.

The collection was donated to Oxford, and today is one of the most important of the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

Westwood was very eclectic. He published – among other - "The Cabinet of Oriental Entomology; Being a Selection of Some of the Rarer and More Beautiful Species of Insects "(1848), "An Introduction to the Modern Classification of Insects"(1839), "British Moths and Their Transformations ", "Arcana Entomologica"(1845).

His plates are always decorated with elegant and decorative entomological plates. He drew himself the most beautiful scenes, and his plates were always artistically arranged. His illustrations – most of them depicting species – were superbly detailed and enhanced the beauty of his work.

This complete two volume set is handsomely bound in half natural leather with gilt lettering decoration to the spines, very good and bright (This is the publisher's standard leather binding).

Contents clean and bright, original marbled endpapers, no inscriptions, slight spotting mostly to the paper guards plates very clean.



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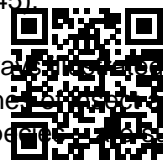
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