



**Beauty from Nature: art of the Scott sisters**  
**An Australian Museum Touring Exhibition**  
The Friends Gallery

**Friday 13 July – Sunday 16 September**

Experience exquisite illustrations of butterflies, moths, caterpillars and plants by two of 19th century Australia's most prominent natural history artists in *Beauty from nature: art of the Scott sisters*.

Beautiful and intricate, this stunning exhibition features delicate watercolours, which form a fascinating record of the lives of Harriet (Hattie) and Helena (Nellie) Scott. Uncover the captivating story of these two extraordinary women, whose love of nature and tremendous skill in rendering its beauty enabled them to distinguish themselves amid the male-dominated world of 19th century science. Many of their scientific illustrations are still used by scientists today.

The highlight of the exhibition are watercoloured paintings created between 1846 and 1851 for their father A.W. Scott's landmark publication, *Australian Lepidoptera and their Transformations*.

This is a rare chance for visitors to step back in time while admiring the simple beauty of 19th century nature, seen through the eyes of two young women whose pioneering work was praised for both the art and the science.

**Helena Scott**

*Xylopsyche stacyi* Scott

Current name: *Zelotypia stacyi* Scott, *Hepialidae*  
watercolour and ink

36.5 x 28.5cm