

Wonder Box

C a t a l o g u e September 2015

Museum Loans Collection
Portsmouth Museum
Museum Road
Portsmouth
PO1 2LJ

mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk



Contents

Introduction

Wonder Box Terms and Conditions

How to book a Wonder Box

Wonder Box Application Form

Guidelines for handling museum objects

Illustrated list of Wonder Boxes

- Birds
- Mammals, reptiles and amphibians
- Skeletons and dissections
- Prehistoric creatures
- Ancient Egypt

Alphabetical list of Wonder Boxes

- Birds
- Mammals, reptiles and amphibians
- Skeletons and dissections
- Prehistoric creatures
- Ancient Egypt

Museum Loans Collection
Portsmouth Museum
Museum Road
Portsmouth
PO1 2LJ

mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk

Introduction

Welcome to the first-ever Wonder Box catalogue from Portsmouth Museums.

The items listed represent the first phase of our review and representation of Portsmouth's incredible Museum Loans Collection. The loans boxes are the perfect stimulus for creative work across the curriculum, including science, art & design, literacy and history. Bring a little awe and wonder into your classroom with bird, mammal, amphibian and reptile specimens or skulls and skeletons. Or bring the past to life with high quality model dinosaurs and original and replica artefacts illustrating life in Ancient Egypt.

The pages that follow list the Wonder Boxes available from September 2015 and explain the Terms and Conditions of the loans service and how to book.

New boxes will be added to the catalogue as the review process continues, starting with pre-history and geology.

If you would like to discuss your individual requirements please contact the museums administration team via mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Museum Loans Collection
Portsmouth Museum
Museum Road
Portsmouth
PO1 2LJ

mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk

Wonder Box Terms and Conditions

Please make sure that a copy of the Terms and Conditions is made available to all teachers / group leaders using Wonder Boxes from Portsmouth Museums.

1. All loan resources are subject to availability and we need a minimum of four weeks' notice to process your loan application.
2. Wonder Boxes may be borrowed for up to three weeks (the loan period).
3. Hire fees for Wonder Boxes apply to all borrowers as follows:
 - £30 for up to three standard / single item boxes per loan period.
 - £30 for one thematic box containing multiple items per loan period
These items are marked with an asterisk (*) in the catalogue.
4. Delivery / collection and return of Wonder Boxes
 - Portsmouth City Council maintained schools -
Wonder Boxes are delivered and collected free of charge on Tuesdays.
 - All other borrowers must collect and return Wonder Boxes on Thursdays via our Hilsea store. Full instructions will be given on confirmation of your order.
5. Loan requests are processed on a first-come-first-served basis. We will send you written confirmation of the loan items available and the dates for delivery / collection and return. Please check that all details are correct upon receipt and notify us of any discrepancies as soon as possible.
6. The person completing the Wonder Box Application Form is responsible for the loan items.
7. When your loans arrive please check the contents of the Wonder Box(es) as soon as possible. If any objects are missing or damaged please let us know immediately – mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
8. Loan items must be risk assessed by the teacher / group leader and used under their supervision. They should be stored safely and not left unattended. It is the responsibility of the teacher / group leader to unpack and repack the Wonder Boxes.
9. Teachers / group leaders should read the **Guidelines for Handling Museum Objects** before using loans items.

Continues...

10. Loan items designed to be looked at closely but not handled, for example bird and mammal specimens, must remain in their protective perspex boxes.
11. Loan resources must remain within the school / organisation during the loan period and must not be taken off site.
12. If any item is lost, damaged or broken please let us know straight away – mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
13. Please ensure that all objects and supporting resources are returned to the correct Wonder Box after use and that the boxes are ready for collection / returned to our Hilsea store on the agreed date.

Museum Loans Collection
Portsmouth Museum
Museum Road
Portsmouth
PO1 2LJ

mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk

How to book a Wonder Box from Portsmouth Museums

1. Read the Wonder Box Terms and Conditions
2. Complete a Wonder Box Application Form
 - We need a minimum of four weeks' notice to process your loan application. Early booking is encouraged to avoid disappointment.
 - Fill in sections 1-7 for each item requested.
 - Please write clearly to help us to process your application.
 - Remember to sign the bottom of the form. Your signature constitutes full acceptance of the Wonder Box Terms and Conditions. Unsigned Application Forms will not be processed; they will be returned for signature.
 - Remember to fill in the Date of Application as loan requests are processed on a first-come-first-served basis.
3. Return your completed Application Form to Portsmouth Museums

By post: Museum Loans Collection
 Portsmouth Museum
 Museum Road
 Portsmouth PO1 2LJ

By email: mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
 Please enter 'Wonder Box Application' in the subject box

We recommend that you keep a copy of your Application Form for reference.

4. We will process your Application Form and return a copy to you advising you of the availability of each item and confirming the dates for delivery / collection and return. Please check that all details are correct and notify us of any discrepancy.
5. If you have any enquiries please contact us at: mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

We are happy for you to photocopy the Wonder Box Application Form if you need further copies.

Museum Loans Collection
Portsmouth Museum
Museum Road
Portsmouth PO1 2LJ

mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk

**Portsmouth Museums
Wonder Box Application Form**



Your name: Your role e.g. teacher, group leader:

Your school, college or organisation:

Address:

Postcode: Portsmouth City Council maintained school: Yes / No

Telephone: Email:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	For office use only	
Catalogue number	Alternative item if applicable	Brief description of item	Teaching subject	Date required	No. of weeks (3 max)	Latest date of use	Delivery / collection date	Return date

Signature: I confirm that I have read and accept the Wonder Box Terms and Conditions

Date of Application: **Application received:** **Acknowledgement sent:**

Send to: Museum Loans Collection, Portsmouth Museum, Museum Road, Portsmouth PO1 2LJ or mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Guidelines for handling museum objects

We hope that you enjoy, learn from and feel inspired by Portsmouth's Wonder Boxes. To ensure that the objects are well looked after for future generations please remember that they are fragile and observe the following guidelines:

1. Wonder Boxes are designed to be handled by adults and should not be lifted or carried by children.
2. Assess the weight of a Wonder Box before picking it up. If it is too heavy, get help!
3. Keep boxes horizontal when you lift them and avoid tilting or swinging them.
4. Carry out a risk assessment before using the loan items with your group and be particularly aware of heavy, sharp and / or fragile objects.
5. Wash and dry your hands before and after handling objects.
6. Note how the box is packed when you open it.
7. Make sure that objects are handled over a clean, clear and stable surface.
8. Use both hands to pick up objects and always pick up the whole body of the object - handles and other protruding parts may not be robust.
9. Always supervise your group when they are handling objects. Encourage them to look carefully at one object at a time, ideally whilst sitting at a table or on the floor.
10. Please keep objects separate from food, drink and art materials and protect them from strong sunlight and dusty or damp conditions.
11. If an object does get damaged or broken:
 - Collect all of the pieces and let us know as soon as possible:
mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
 - Do not attempt to clean or repair any object yourself - museum objects are restored by specialists using conservation grade materials.
12. After use please return all objects and supporting resources to the correct Wonder Box, check that nothing is missing, and have the boxes ready for collection or return them to our Hilsea store on the agreed date.

Museum Loans Collection

Portsmouth Museum, Museum Road, Portsmouth PO1 2LJ

mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

List of Wonder Boxes September 2015

* denotes a thematic box containing multiple items and costing £30 per loan period

Birds – listed alphabetically by species name

Specimens are presented in perspex boxes and can be viewed at close quarters but may not be handled.



B76 Barn owl



B114 Blackbird (male)



B101 Black-headed gull



B56 Blue tit



B120 Blue tit & Great tit



B122 Carrion crow



B177
Chaffinch (female)



B115 Chaffinch (male)



B182 Collared dove



B109 Coot



B102 Cormorant



B77 Corncrake



B128 Curlew



B81
Great black-backed gull



B136 Greater spotted woodpecker



B104 Hen harrier



B1116 Dunnock



B78 Gannet



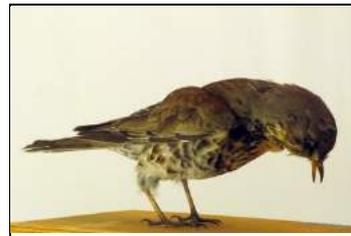
B80
Great crested grebe



B57 Greenfinch
(female)



B110 Heron



B138 Fieldfare



B79 Golden oriole



B55 Great tit



B58 Green woodpecker



B83 Hawfinches



B175 House martins



B117a
House sparrow (male)



B117b
House sparrow (female)



B105 Jack snipe



B123 Jackdaw



B60 Jay



B63 Kestrels
(male, female, fledgling)



B176 Kestrel (female)



B139 Kestrel (male)



B84 Kingfisher



B85 Lapwing



B82 Lesser
black-backed gull



B86 Little auk



B127 Little owl



B106
Little ringed plover



B61 Magpie



B88 Merganser



B107 Oyster catcher



B87 Puffin



B140 Redwing



B137 Rook



B121 Mistle thrush



B210 Partridge



B103 Razorbill



B130 Ringed plover



B66 Ruffs
(male & female)



B111 Moorhen



B132 Pheasant (cock)



B111
Red-backed shrike



B67 Redshank



B118 Robin



B74 Sandwich tern



B69 Shelduck



B142 Short-eared owl



B174 Skua



B108 Snipe



B119 Song thrush



B62 Sparrow hawk



B54 Starling



B179 Swallow



B59 Tawny owl



B113 Teal



B112 Tufted duck



B180 Willow warbler



B90 Water rail



B181 Yellow hammer



B65 Woodcock

**Mammals, reptiles and amphibians
– listed alphabetically by species name**

Specimens are presented in perspex boxes and can be viewed at close quarters but may not be handled.



B190 Bank vole



B190c
Bank vole (juvenile)



B144 Brown hare



B169 Cayman/caiman



B191 Chinchilla



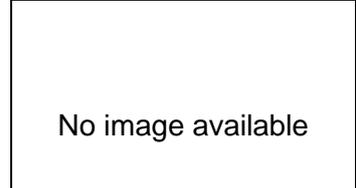
B148 Common shrew



B213
Duck-billed platypus



B97 Grey squirrel



B146 Hedgehog



B92
Hedgehog (juvenile)



B93 House mouse



B95 Mole



B96 Otter



B155 Toad (cast)



B99 Weasel

Watch these spaces!
New loans boxes
coming soon...



B301 Rabbit



B152 Stoat



B171 Turtle



B145 Wood mouse

Watch these spaces!
New loans boxes
coming soon...



B98 / B303
Red squirrel



B154 Water vole

Skeletons and dissections
– listed alphabetically by species name

Some specimens may be handled with care (they are very delicate) and others are presented in perspex boxes and can be viewed at close quarters but may not be handled.

B52 Animal skulls x 4
 (dog, rabbit, frog and pigeon)
 No image available



B39 Frog dissection



B202 Horse skull



B2 Rabbit skeleton



B33 Dissection of pigeon wing



B46 Frog life cycle



B167 Lion skull



B168 Tiger skull



B53 Dog & rabbit skulls



B3 Frog skeleton

Prehistoric creatures – listed alphabetically

These high quality fibreglass models are presented in perspex boxes and can be viewed at close quarters but may not be handled.



G75 Dimetrodon



G67 Fossil plesiosaur paddle



G72 Ichthyosaurus



B70 Iguanodon



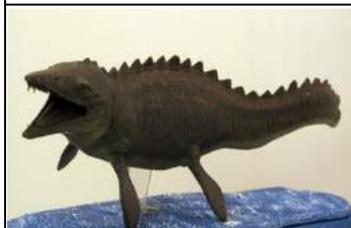
B73 Plesiosaurus



G71 Stegosaurus



G58 Triceratops



G74 Tylosaurus



G60 Trilobite



G59 Tyrannosaurus



G76 Woolly mammoth

Ancient Egypt

Each box contains a selection of original and replica objects that illustrate aspects of life in Ancient Egypt. Some objects can be handled with care and others are presented in perspex boxes and can be viewed at close quarters but not handled.

H700 Ancient Egypt: Egyptian life *

(bronze mirror, necklace, ankh engraved with hieroglyphs, clay lamp, bronze cat statue, small clay pot, large clay pot)



H701 Ancient Egypt: pyramids, tombs and temples *

(bronze cat statue, sphinx statue, bronze statue of Isis and Horus, wooden figure of Thebes, seven small amulets, amulet and papyrus, canopic jar)



Museum Loans Collection
Portsmouth Museum
Museum Road
Portsmouth PO1 2LJ

mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk

Alphabetical list of Wonder Boxes September 2014

* denotes a thematic box containing multiple items and costing £30 per loan period

Birds

Specimens are presented in perspex boxes and can be viewed at close quarters but may not be handled.

B76	Barn owl	
B114	Blackbird (male)	
B101	Black-headed gull	
B56	Blue tit	
B120	Blue tit and Great tit	
B122	Carrion crow	
B177	Chaffinch (female)	
B115	Chaffinch (male)	
B164	Chinstrap penguin	
B182	Collared dove	
B109	Coot	
B102	Cormorant	
B77	Corncrake	
B128	Curlew	
B116	Dunnock	
B138	Fieldfare	
B78	Gannet	
B79	Golden oriole	
B81	Great black-backed gull	
B80	Great crested grebe	
B55	Great tit	
B136	Greater spotted woodpecker	
B58	Green woodpecker	
B57	Greenfinch (female)	
B83	Hawfinches (male & female)	
B104	Hen harrier	
B110	Heron	NOTE: box is large and heavy
B175	House martins	
B117a	House sparrow (male)	
B117b	House sparrow (female)	
B105	Jack snipe	
B123	Jackdaw	
B60	Jay	
B176	Kestrel (female)	
B139	Kestrel (male)	
B63	Kestrels (male, female & fledgling)	

B84	Kingfisher	
B85	Lapwing	
B82	Lesser black-backed gull	
B86	Little auk	
B127b	Little owl	
B127a	Little owl (in flight)	
B106	Little ringed plover	
B61	Magpie	
B88	Merganser	
B121	Mistle thrush	
B111	Moorhen	
B107	Oyster catcher	
B210	Partridge	
B132	Pheasant (cock)	
B87	Puffin	
B103	Razorbill	
B141	Red-backed shrike	
B67	Redshank	
B140	Redwing	
B130	Ringed plover (in flight)	
B118	Robin	
B137	Rook	
B66	Ruffs (male & female)	
B74	Sandwich tern	
B69	Shelduck	
B142	Short-eared owl	
B174	Skua	
B108	Snipe	
B119	Song thrush	
B62	Sparrowhawk	
B54	Starling	
B179	Swallow (in flight)	
B59	Tawny owl	
B113	Teal	
B112	Tufted duck (drake)	
B90	Water rail	
B180	Willow warbler	
B65	Woodcock	
B181	Yellowhammer	

Mammals, reptiles and amphibians

Specimens are presented in perspex boxes and can be viewed at close quarters but may not be handled.

B190	Bank vole	
B190c	Bank vole (juvenile)	
B144	Brown hare (male)	
B169	Cayman or Caiman (large, predatory tropical American reptile)	Note: box is large and heavy
B191	Chinchilla	
B148	Common shrew	
B213	Duck-billed platypus	
B97	Grey squirrel	
B146	Hedgehog	
B92	Hedgehog (juvenile)	
B93	House mouse	
B95	Mole	
B96	Otter	
B301	Rabbit	
B98/B303	Red squirrel	
B152	Stoat	
B155	Toad (cast)	
B171	Turtle	
B154	Water vole	
B99	Weasel	
B145	Wood mouse	

Skeletons and dissections

Some specimens may be handled with care (they are very delicate) and others are presented in perspex boxes and can be viewed at close quarters but not handled.

B52	Animal skulls x 4 (dog, rabbit, frog & pigeon)	
B33	Dissection of pigeon wing	
B53	Dog & rabbit skulls	
B39	Frog dissection	NOTE: not suitable for use in primary schools as specimens are wet preserved.
B46	Frog life cycle	
B3	Frog skeleton	
B202	Horse skull	
B167	Lion skull	
B2	Rabbit skeleton	
B168	Tiger skull	

Prehistoric creatures

These high quality fibreglass models are presented in perspex boxes and can be viewed at close quarters but may not be handled.

G75	Dimetrodon (model)	
G67	Fossil plesiosaur paddle	
G72	Ichthyosaurus (model)	
G70	Iguanodon (model)	
G73	Plesiosaurus (model)	
G71	Stegosaurus (model)	
G58	Triceratops (model)	
G60	Trilobite (model)	
G74	Tylosaurus (model)	
G59	Tyrannosaurus (model)	
G76	Woolly mammoth (model)	

Ancient Egypt

Each box contains a selection of original and replica objects that illustrate aspects of life in Ancient Egypt. Some specimens may be handled with care and others are presented in perspex boxes and can be viewed at close quarters but not handled.

H700	Ancient Egypt: Egyptian life * (bronze mirror, necklace, ankh engraved with hieroglyphs, clay lamp, bronze cat statue, small clay pot, large clay pot)	
H701	Ancient Egypt: pyramids, tombs and temples * (bronze cat statue, sphinx statue, bronze statue of Isis and Horus, wooden figure of Thebes, seven small amulets, amulet and papyrus, canopic jar)	

Museum Loans Collection
Portsmouth Museum
Museum Road
Portsmouth PO1 2LJ

mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk



