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## Le Musée d'histoire naturelle

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Inaugurated in April, 1888, the Art Museum and the central library of Boulevard Leclerc initially sheltered the museum on its ground floor.

Since 2011, Toulon and Var department's Natural History Museum has been accommodated within villa Burnett (Jonquet district), itself implanted at the heart of the departmental garden of le Las, classified sensitive natural space. Var department appears among the rare French departments possessing a Natural History museum dedicated to emphasizing its natural heritage.

This museum is in charge of the purchase, the preservation and the animation of the department's collections of Natural History. The stake is to make the public sensitive to the diversity of specimens stemming from entomology (27,000 listed insects), herpetology (61 specimens) which studies amphibians and reptiles of Var department or Hermann's Tortoise (Var department's ground reptiles account for 70 % of the wealth of metropolitan France) and mammalogy (among 250 represented ground mammals, 70 are present in Var department).

The museum has 978 species of birds on display, among which numerous present in our department which is classified among the richest in France thanks to 167 species of nestling birds. With a range of about 2,500 plants, Var department flora is also one of the most remarkable in France. Moreover, the museum gathers displays dedicated to prehistory, mineralogy, ethnology or palaeontology, allowing the observation of a pterosaur skeleton, fossils and remarkable agrarian tools.

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