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Fairies with a vicious streak



From Friday, a new show at London's Natural History Museum promises to make even the dinosaurs look tame. Little Savages, an installation by

artist Tessa Farmer, uses sculpture, drawings and video to show tiny, vicious fairies invading the museum. Farmer, who was inspired while studying wasps in the museum's entomology department, has created three pieces, including a sculpture showing 50 fairies made of roots and insect wings attacking a stuffed fox.

"They have their roots in Victorian fairies, who were quite mischievous and lived in natural habitats, often torturing animals," she says. "My fairies are more gory. Their ultimate ambition is to attack humans – they are just practising on the fox."

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