

Shadow of Lula

kyoko hashimoto jewellery

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*“So important are insects and other land dwelling arthropods,
that if all were to disappear, humanity probably could not last
more than a few months”*

E.O. Wilson, Harvard University



Shadow of Lula

is the 4th jewellery collection by designer Kyoko Hashimoto. The series of limited edition pendants is a somber twist on traditional mourning jewellery.

Although almost imperceptible, insects that cohabit the earth are vital to the survival of the planet. They are an integral part of the ecosystem, pollinating plants, decomposing organic matter and aerating the soil. Often overlooked for their miniature scale, insects are increasingly under threat. Agricultural development, pesticides, the introduction of foreign species, monoculture farming and forestry has already led to the extinction of many species.

Inspired by Victorian mourning jewellery, Hashimoto has produced tributes to these fallen insects. The series consists of large pendants depicting the silhouettes of extinct insect species, hung from a unique combination of powder coated steel and leather strap. Using both traditional and modern techniques, each pendant is carefully crafted with individually hand made details. The subtle layers of beauty and death become capsules of memory for the tiny lives that no longer inhabit the earth.

*Each pendant is produced in a limited edition of 30,
individually numbered.*

Bumblebee Pendant in Black

“Mecodema Punctellum”

acrylic, sterling silver, paper laminate,
leather strap, powder coated steel chain

pendant: 65 x 54 x 8 mm
strap: 650 mm

SOL001



Damselfly Pendant in White
"Synanthedon Castaneae"

acrylic, sterling silver, paper laminate,
leather strap, powder coated steel chain

pendant: 65 x 54 x 8 mm
strap: 650 mm

SOL002



Bumblebee Pendant in Pink
"Bombus Cullumanus"

acrylic, sterling silver, paper laminate,
leather strap, powder coated steel chain

pendant: 65 x 54 x 8 mm
strap: 650 mm

SOL003



Beetle Pendant in Black
“Mecodema Punctellum”

acrylic, sterling silver, paper laminate,
leather strap, powder coated steel chain

pendant: 65 x 54 x 8 mm
strap: 650 mm

SOL004



Beetle Pendant in White
"Mecodema Punctellum"

acrylic, sterling silver, paper laminate,
leather strap, powder coated steel chain

pendant: 65 x 54 x 8 mm
strap: 650 mm

SOL005



Damselfly Pendant in Dark Wood
"Synanthedon Castaneae"

wood, acrylic, sterling silver, paper laminate,
leather strap, powder coated steel chain

pendant: 65 x 54 x 8 mm
strap: 650 mm

SOL006



Bumblebee Pendant in Wood

“Bombus Cullumanus”

acrylic, sterling silver, paper laminate,
shellac, leather strap, brass chain

pendant: 65 x 54 x 8 mm
chain: 850 mm

SOL007



Damselfly Pendant in Wood
"Synanthedon Castaneae"

acrylic, sterling silver, paper laminate,
shellac, leather strap, brass chain

pendant: 65 x 54 x 8 mm
chain: 850 mm

SOL008

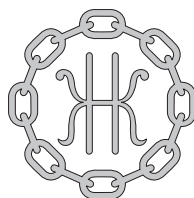




Kyoko Hashimoto Jewellery is a studio run by designers Kyoko Hashimoto and Guy Keulemans.
Currently based in Berlin, Germany, our studio has also operated from Tokyo and Sydney.
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Cullum's Bumblebee
Bombus Cullumarius

status: extinct