

Rock, Mineral and Building Stone Identification Resources

Museum Collections in London and South-East England



Sedwick Museum, Downing Street, Cambridge, CB2 3EQ

- [John Watson Building Stone Collection](#)

Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, South Kensington, SW7 5BD

- [Rock Collection](#) (including building and decorative stones)
- [Mineralogy Collection](#)
- [Palaeontology Collections](#)
- Geology Museum

[Horniman Museum Geology Collections](#)

Oxford University Museum of Natural History

- [Decorative Stone and Corsi Collection](#)
- [Mineralogy & Petrology Collections](#)
- [Palaeontology Collections](#)

Regional Information on Building Stones

England

[Historic England Building Stone Information & Regional Atlases](#)

[Historic England/British Geological Survey Building Stone Map](#)

Scotland

[Canmore](#) (you need to know what you're searching for!)

Ireland

[Stone Database Northern Ireland](#)

[Stone Built Ireland](#)

Finland

[Kivi – Finnish Stone](#)

Online Museum Collections and Databases

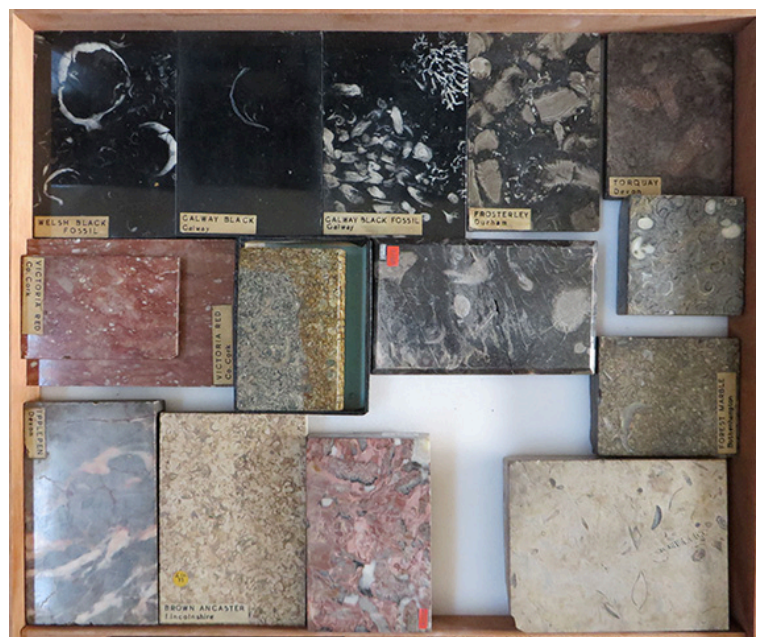
- [BGS Asset Bank: National Building Stone Collection](#) – building and decorative stone collection.
- [NHM London Marble Collection](#) – decorative stones in the NHM collections.
- [UCL Building & Decorative Stone Collection](#) – building and decorative stone in the UCL Earth Sciences collection.
- [Corsi Collection OUMNH](#) – decorative stones used in Antiquity



- [Museo di Storia Naturale dell'Accademia Fisiocritici \(MUSNAF\): Collezione di Marmi Antichi](#) – decorative stones used in Antiquity
- [Universita' Dei Marmorari di Roma](#) – a collection of Italian and Mediterranean Marbles.
- [Stone in Archaeology Database](#) – a catalogue of stones encountered in British archaeology.
- [Russian Imperial Stone - Paul Dyson](#) – decorative stone from Russia.
- [USA National Building Stone Database](#) – *this database currently offline. It is not known when this website will be reinstated.*
- [Musée des Marbles a Bagneres](#) – a catalogue of the Museum's collection of decorative stones.
- [Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences - Conabus](#) – the RBINS building stone collection.
- [Earth Science Collection, University of Bari](#) – a collection of Italian and Mediterranean Marbles.
- [Musée de St Claude Nicholas Gauthier Marble Collection](#)
- [ISPRA Pecetto Collection](#) – a collection of Italian and Mediterranean Marbles.
- [Lahn Marble Museum Collection](#) – the German Lahn Marbles.
- [Natursteine aus Deutschland](#) – German building stones.
- [Shoji Nishimoto's Japanese Stone Library](#) – building stones of Japan.

Building Industry Stone Libraries

- [Naturstein Natural Stone Database](#)
- [Stonecontact](#)
- [Guido Menchini & Sons](#) – varieties of Carrara Marble.



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