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Animal Fact Sheet

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Carrion beetle

Silpha americana

The carrion beetle is a medium-sized beetle renowned for its role in consuming and decomposing dead animals. Sporting a flattened, oval-shaped body, carrion beetles often display distinctive black or…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Silphidae
Habitat: Temperate forests and grasslands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.2–1.5 grams
Scientific name: Silpha americana

Did you know?

- Certain carrion beetles are able to bury small animal carcasses underground to provide food for their offspring, helping to reduce competition and pr…
- Carrion beetles are vital decomposers, breaking down dead animals and recycling nutrients back into the ecosystem. Some species exhibit parental care…

What I learned

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