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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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