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Common cockchafer

Melolontha melolontha

The common cockchafer, also known as the May bug or doodlebug, is a large, stout beetle native to Europe and parts of Asia. Recognizable by its brown elytra, fan-like antennae, and distinctive white ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Scarabaeidae

Habitat: Woodlands, forests, and agricultural areas

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 3-5 years (mainly as larvae)

Weight: 2-4 grams

Scientific name: *Melolontha melolontha*

Did you know?

- In medieval Europe, cockchafers were once put on trial and even excommunicated by local courts for crop destruction.
- Cockchafers have specialized fan-shaped antennae that can detect pheromones over long distances. Their larvae can spend up to four years underground ...

What I learned
