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Animal Fact Sheet

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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

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