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Devil's coach horse beetle

Ocyopus olens

The Devil's coach horse beetle is a large, black rove beetle well known for its intimidating appearance and defensive behavior. When threatened, it raises its abdomen and opens its powerful jaws, mim...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Staphylinidae

Habitat: Woodlands, grasslands, gardens, hedgerows, and meadows

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 years

Weight: 0.5-1.5 grams

Scientific name: *Ocyopus olens*

Did you know?

- Despite its menacing look and name, the Devil's coach horse beetle is not venomous and poses no real threat to humans.
- The Devil's coach horse beetle can emit a foul-smelling liquid from its abdomen as a defense mechanism. Its dramatic tail-raising display is often mi...

What I learned
