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Animal Fact Sheet

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Devil's coach horse beetle

Ocypus 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: Ocypus 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

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