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Animal Fact Sheet

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Garden chafer

Phyllopertha horticola

The garden chafer is a small beetle commonly found across Europe and parts of Asia. Adults are easily recognized by their metallic green head and thorax, and reddish-brown elytra (wing covers). They …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Scarabaeidae
Habitat: Grasslands, meadows, gardens, hedgerows, and light woodland edges
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years (most of life spent as larva)
Weight: 0.05-0.1 grams
Scientific name: Phyllopertha horticola

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, garden chafer larvae can cause significant damage to lawns and turf by feeding on the roots underground.
- Garden chafers are strong fliers and often form large swarms during their short adult life. Their larvae are important food for birds like starlings …

What I learned

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