

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
