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Animal Fact Sheet

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Rainbow scarab beetle

Phanaeus vindex

The Rainbow scarab beetle is a brilliantly colored dung beetle native to North America, known for its metallic green, gold, and copper hues. This beetle plays a vital ecological role by burying and c…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Scarabaeidae
Habitat: Grasslands and open woodlands
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6 months to 1 year
Weight: 0.2 to 0.4 grams
Scientific name: Phanaeus vindex

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, a single pair of rainbow scarab beetles can bury more than their own body weight in dung in just a few hours.
- Rainbow scarab beetles can navigate using the Milky Way on clear nights. The males' bright coloration and large horn are used to attract females and …

What I learned

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