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Animal Fact Sheet

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Scarab Beetle

Scarabaeus sacer

The scarabs (family Scarabaeidae) include the dung beetles, and the ball-rolling species are responsible for one of the most surprising discoveries in animal navigation. A beetle that has carved a ba…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Scarabaeidae
Habitat: Grasslands and open forests
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-3 years
Weight: 0.1–0.5 grams
Scientific name: Scarabaeus sacer

Did you know?

- Scarab beetles have been found in tombs dating back over 3,000 years, often crafted as amulets and seals.
- Dung beetles are the only animals known to navigate by the Milky Way. One species, Onthophagus taurus, can pull more than 1,100 times its own body we…

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