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## Scorpionfly

*Panorpa communis*

The scorpionfly is a distinctive insect recognized for its elongated face and the male's tail, which resembles a scorpion's stinger but is actually harmless. Found primarily in Europe and parts of As...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Panorpidae

**Habitat:** Woodlands and hedgerows

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 1-2 months (adult stage)

**Weight:** 20-30 mg

**Scientific name:** *Panorpa communis*

### Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating appearance, scorpionflies are completely harmless to humans and do not possess any venom.
- Male scorpionflies have a bulbous tail that mimics a scorpion's stinger, but it is used only for mating, not defense. Scorpionflies are among the few...

### What I learned

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