

Animal Fact Sheet

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Six-spot Burnet Moth

Zygaena filipendulae

The Six-spot Burnet Moth is a striking day-flying moth recognized by its metallic green-black wings adorned with six vivid red spots on each forewing. Found across Europe and parts of Asia, it thrives...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Zygaenidae

Habitat: Meadows and grasslands

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 months (adult), 1 year (including larval stage)

Weight: 0.02–0.04 grams

Scientific name: *Zygaena filipendulae*

Did you know?

- If attacked, the Six-spot Burnet Moth can excrete a yellow fluid containing cyanide compounds from its joints.
- Six-spot Burnet Moths produce hydrogen cyanide as a chemical defense, making them unpalatable to birds. Their bright colors serve as a warning signal...

What I learned
