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Animal Fact Sheet

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Stag Beetle

Lucanus cervus

The European stag beetle (Lucanus cervus) is the continent's largest terrestrial beetle, males reaching around 75 millimetres, most of it mandible. Those antler-like jaws are the classic example of a…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Lucanidae
Habitat: Deciduous woodlands and forests
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 3-7 years (mostly as larvae)
Weight: 7-12 grams
Scientific name: Lucanus cervus

Did you know?

- Stag beetles can fly, and males are often seen on warm summer evenings searching for females, despite their large size and heavy mandibles.
- A male stag beetle's giant jaws bite more weakly than a female's small ones, because the mechanical leverage is sacrificed for reach and display. Lar…

What I learned

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