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Stag Beetle

Lucanus cervus

The stag beetle is one of the largest beetles in Europe, easily recognized by the oversized, antler-like mandibles of the males. These impressive jaws are used in combat with rivals during the breed...

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.
- Male stag beetles use their large mandibles to wrestle other males for mates. The larvae can spend up to six years underground feeding on rotting woo...

What I learned
