

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Sunburst diving beetle

*Thermonectus marmoratus*

The Sunburst diving beetle is a striking aquatic insect known for its vivid yellow spots and marble-like patterning on a dark, oval body. This beetle is adept at swimming and is found primarily in fr...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Dytiscidae

**Habitat:** Freshwater ponds and slow streams

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 1-2 years

**Weight:** 0.2-0.4 grams

**Scientific name:** *Thermonectus marmoratus*

### Did you know?

- Sunburst diving beetles can sense vibrations and changes in water pressure, helping them hunt prey and avoid danger even in murky conditions.
- Sunburst diving beetles can trap air under their wing cases, allowing them to breathe underwater. Their larvae, known as 'water tigers,' are also agg...

### What I learned

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