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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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