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Animal Fact Sheet

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Violet Oil Beetle

Meloe violaceus

The Violet Oil Beetle is a striking invertebrate known for its metallic blue-violet coloration and unusually large, soft body. Found across Europe and parts of western Asia, this beetle is most often…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Meloidae
Habitat: Meadows, woodland edges, and grasslands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.5–2 grams
Scientific name: Meloe violaceus

Did you know?

- Despite their eye-catching appearance, adult violet oil beetles are flightless and rely entirely on walking to move between habitats.
- Violet oil beetles cannot fly due to their reduced wing size. Their larvae hitch rides on solitary bees to reach the bees' nests, where they feed on …

What I learned

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