

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
