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White Dragontail Butterfly



Scientific name: *Lamproptera curius*

Lives: South and South East Asia

Size: 40-50mm

Food: nectar from flowers and rotten fruit

Habitat: forest habitats that are near streams and where the climbing plant lianas (their host plant) grows.

Fun fact: they feed with a proboscis: a long narrow tube in their mouth that looks like a straw.



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Praying Mantis



Scientific name: *Mantodea*

Lives: warmer regions such as the tropics and subtropics

Size: 50 to 120mm

Food: mainly beetles, crickets and grasshoppers but some eat hummingbirds, European robins, frogs and lizards.

Habitat: tropical rainforest

Fun fact: they ambush their prey with lightning speed and have spikes on their legs to skewer and pin their victims into place.



Paper Wasp



Scientific name: *Polistes dominula*

Lives: across Europe to China and in North and South America

Size: 15 to 40mm

Food: fruit and garden pests such as caterpillars, beetle larvae, and flies

Habitat: nests in trees and vegetation, or under the eaves of homes and garages

Fun fact: paper wasps mix dead wood and plant materials with their saliva to build a water-resistant nest.



Palm Weevil



Scientific name: *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*

Lives: Asia, Europe and Northern Africa

Size: 35 to 40mm

Food: dying or damaged palm trees, cut or split trunks but also undamaged palms

Habitat: coconut, sago, date, and oil palms

Fun fact: they can fly 50km (over 30 miles) in 24 hours and can be eaten with sticky rice and salad or cooked in a porridge!



Long-armed Stag Beetle



Scientific name: *Dicranocephalus wallichi*

Lives: Taiwan, Thailand, and China

Size: 30-40mm

Food: sap, nectar and rotting wood

Habitat: tunnels underground or in rotten wood and crevices

Fun fact: females make individual nests for each of their eggs, taking hours to build each one.



Green Rose Chafer Beetle



Scientific name: *Cetonia aurata*

Lives: United Kingdom

Size: 17-20mm

Food: flowers, especially dog roses

Habitat: grassland, scrub and along woodland edges

Fun fact: they are often considered a garden pest because of their favourite food source, the rose.



Spiny Flower Mantis



Scientific name: *Pseudocreobotra wahlbergii*

Lives: Southern and Eastern Africa

Size: 30-50mm

Food: flying insects and spiders

Habitat: moist areas such as meadows or shrubs and especially flowers

Fun fact: when threatened, the insects raise their forewings, which makes them look like a much larger creature with big, golden eyes.



Click Beetle



Scientific name: *Elateridae*

Lives: worldwide

Size: 15mm

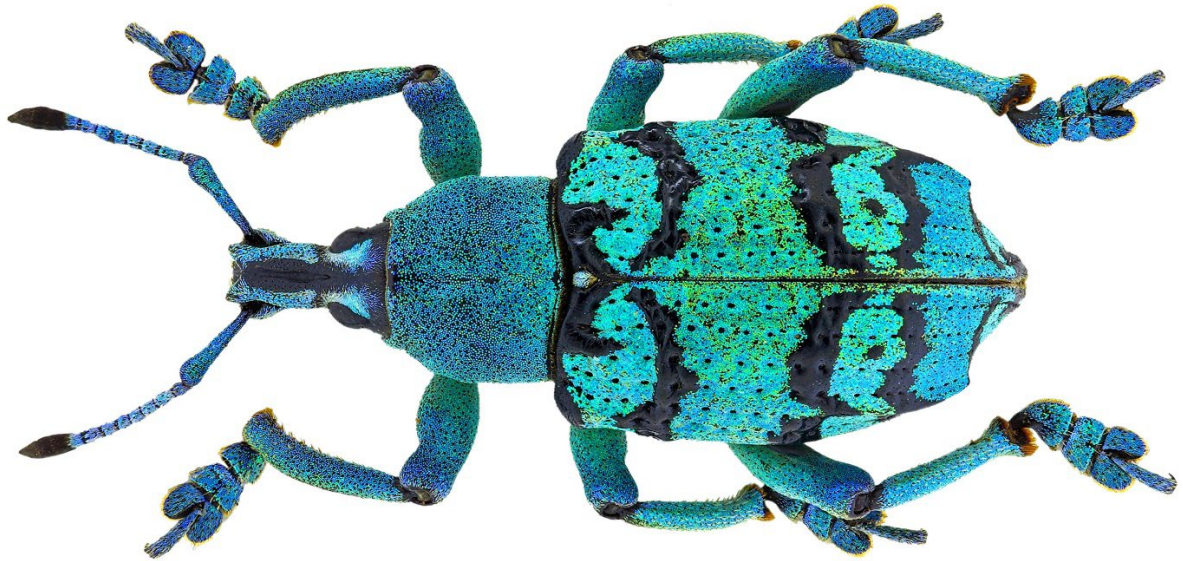
Food: plant materials, including nectar, plant juices and foliage

Habitat: grassland, heathland, moorland and farmland

Fun fact: they can leap at speeds of more than 2 metres per second, creating a clicking noise as they jump.



Blue Weevil



Scientific name: *Eupholus chevrolati*

Lives: Aru Islands, Indonesia

Size: 25-30mm

Food: yam leaves

Habitat: vegetation in swamps

Fun fact: They are toxic as they feed on yam leaves which are toxic to other animals and their bright blue bodies serve as a warning to any would-be predators.



Asian Long-horned Beetle



Scientific name: *Anoplophora glabripennis*

Lives: Korea, China, Japan, USA and Europe

Size: 20-40mm

Food: leaves and twigs

Habitat: poplar, birch, willow, elm, maple, ash, horse chestnut trees

Fun fact: these beetles are killers of broadleaf trees. They're not in the UK yet, but there's a high risk of them being imported on wood packaging.



Antlion



Scientific name: *Myrmeleontidae*

Lives: North America and Europe but not England

Size: 35-75mm

Food: larvae eat ants and small insects while adults eat pollen and nectar

Habitat: Any dry environment, woodland, dunes, under hedges and buildings

Fun fact: the larvae dig pits as traps for prey. They suck out the contents of their victims!