

Beetle Family Matching Game

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Ground and Tiger Beetles

Family Scarabaeidae
Scarab Beetles

Family Dytiscidae
Aquatic Beetles

Family Coccinellidae
Lady Beetles

Family Chrysomelidae
Leaf Beetles

Family Erotylidae
Fungus Beetles

Family Lampyridae
Fireflies

Family Cantaridae
Soldier and Flower Beetles

Family Cerambycidae
Long-horned Beetles

Family Buprestidae
Metallic Woodborers

Family Mordellidae
Tumbling Flower Beetles

Family Tenebrionidae
Darkling Beetles

Family Elateridae
Click Beetles

Family Silphidae
Carrion Beetles

Family Staphylinidae
Rove Beetles

Family Meloidae
Blister Beetles

Family Curculionidae
True Weevils

1. Foliage feeders that can exude an irritant that causes skin blisters.

2. To startle predators they can snap a spine-like process into a groove on it's chest making a click.

3. Seldom seen away from deceased vertebrates where they raise their young.

4. Scavengers that vary greatly in size and shape, many discharge repulsive chemicals and are dark in color.

5. Swift ground hunters and beneficial predators .

6. Larva live in dead or dying wood. Adults have exceedingly long antenna some call horns.

7. They have an appetite for aphids and a polka dot warning color pattern. Everyone's favorite!

8. Short wing covers, these sleek predators wander far to find food, roving from place to place.

9. Diverse colorful vegetarians that are often host plant specific. They love their leaves!

10. Vegetarian beetles with prolonged snouts and elbowed antenna. They are a true oddity of beetles.

11. Bullet shaped brilliant and shiny colored beetles, can be pest to trees by boring into them.

12. Diverse group of large beetles. Some are dung rolling, some are pests but most are valuable decomposers. Some are Scary looking!

13. Adults swim by paddling flattened hind legs.

14. Abundant predators of aphids and other insects on flowers and foliage. They guard the blooms!

15. Found only near living fungi, many are active at night.

16. Most adult and all larva poses light-bearing cells which can produce a chemical reaction or "flash".

17. Lively little beetles common on flowers . It has a unique wedge shape and falls off to escape predators.

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