

## What Are June Bugs?

June bugs are a type of beetle that you often see in late spring and early summer, especially around June - that's why they're called "June bugs"! They are beetles with shiny, hard shells, usually brown or reddish in color.

## Where Do June Bugs Live?

June bugs live mostly in North America. You can find them in gardens, parks, and near trees. They like warm weather and often come out at night, which is why sometimes you see them flying around lights.

## Life Cycle of a June Bug

- **Egg:** The female lays eggs in the soil.
- **Larva (Grub):** The eggs hatch into white, C-shaped grubs that live underground and feed on roots.
- **Pupa:** The grub changes into a pupa underground.
- **Adult:** Finally, the adult beetle comes out of the soil to live above ground, usually in the summer.

## Why Are June Bugs Important?

June bugs help nature in many ways! The grubs help break down dead plants in the soil and can be food for birds and animals. Adult June bugs also help pollinate plants when they visit flowers.

## Fun Facts!

- June bugs sometimes make buzzing noises when they fly.
- They usually live for only a few weeks as adults.
- They aren't dangerous and don't bite people.

Next time you see a June bug, remember it has an interesting life story and is an important part of nature!