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Cockchafer

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Latin name: *Melolontha melolontha*

The Cockchafer is not a true bug but a large beetle, commonly found in southern Britain. It is familiar for flying around on late spring evenings making a loud buzzing sound; however it is clumsy in flight and often collides with things. It is attracted to light and sometimes comes inside houses through open windows. It is harmless to humans but its grubs can do damage to garden plants and crops. Its reddish-brown wing cases are covered in tiny grey hairs, giving it a dusty appearance. The Cockchafer is also known as the May Bug as this is when the adults usually appear.

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