

JOIN THE HUNT FOR THE

Chestnut click beetle



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With your help we can save the incredibly rare Chestnut click beetle....

What does the beetle look like?

Click beetles get their name because when threatened or turned over they jump into the air with a loud click. The Chestnut click beetle (*Anostirus castaneus*) is an orangey brown colour and is about 8-10 mm long. As you can see in the photo, the segment behind the head is covered in golden hairs and it has a black tip at the rear end of the body. And you can't miss its fantastic feathered antennae – just like a stag's antlers!



male

Why is this beetle important?

Bugs such as the Chestnut click beetle are highly threatened, and need protecting just like tigers and red squirrels. Today only two populations of this beetle are known in the UK – on the south coast of the Isle of Wight and near Harrogate in Yorkshire. 75 years ago the beetle could be found as far apart as South Wales and the Durham coast. Work is currently underway to improve beetle habitat at the Yorkshire site.



female

Where should I look for the beetle?

Help us to look for the beetle by searching on exposed rocks, bare ground and at the base of grass tufts, typically on sandy soil in a sheltered, sunny place. A good tip is to look on taller plants, where the beetle can also be found climbing. The best months for looking are April and May.



What to do if you find a Chestnut click beetle

There are over 70 species of click beetles in the UK - many of which are brown – so it helps if you can take a digital photograph so that we can be sure it's the Chestnut click beetle. Please send your images to click.beetle@buglife.org.uk.



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