



Stag Beetles

**The largest beetle in the UK,
Male stag beetle are 35-75mm and Females are
30-50mm.**

They are mainly found in the south of England



**They spend 3-7
years underground
as a larvae, eating
dead wood.**

**Once they have eaten
enough, they build a cocoon
and turn into a pupa. They
emerge as adults in May**



**Adults only live for a few weeks to
mate. They don't eat anything, but
may have a drink.**

**Males use their large, stag-horn-like
jaws to wrestle for females. They
aren't dangerous, but it's best not
to touch them.**

How can we help **Stag Beetles?**



Stag beetle numbers are declining and they need your help!



**Build a Log Pyramid.
Dig a large hole at
least 50cm down.
Place thick logs from
broadleaved trees
vertically in the hole
and fill in with soil
(and some woodchips
if you can), firming
the soil as you go.**

**Scan for more information
about Stag Beetles and
how to help!**



- You can also:**
- . Create log piles**
 - . Make sure they can escape from ponds & keep water butts covered**
 - . Avoid weed prevention mats, as it traps emerging beetles.**