

COMMON GROUND BEETLE

The Latin name for the Ground beetle is *Nebria brevicollis*.

This is a small beetle with a body length of about 1cm, sometimes slightly more. The body and wing-cases are shiny black and the legs are reddish-brown.

This is a nocturnal predator, which hides under stones or wood during the day. It may appear at any time, but is most likely to be seen during April-June and August-October. The beetle has powerful legs, which are adapted for running down their prey. They have five joints to all their feet. The sexes are usually very similar. The larvae are actively carnivorous.