

SAVE OUR STAG BEETLES!

Stag Beetles are nationally scarce: their range has decreased since the 1970s so they are now restricted to the south & south-east of the UK. They are declining in Europe & globally threatened. Adults only live a few weeks, flying from late May-July. Eggs are laid in dead wood at soil level. Larvae feed on dead wood for 5-7 years before pupating in soil. Loss of woodland, dead wood (including fence posts) & crushing by feet and traffic have contributed to decreasing numbers. Look for adults flying on still, warm evenings & please let us know if you see one!



Far Left: Male
Left: Female
Below: Larva

E-mail the date, place (postcode or grid reference) and number seen to Bromley Biodiversity Partnership at bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com. Your information will enable targeted habitat improvements.

How You Can Help Stag Beetles:

- Keep dead and decaying wood, including old fenceposts
- When dead trees are to be felled, leave as much of the trunk uncut as safety issues allow
- Avoid stump grinding of felled trees
- Make a stag beetle loggery
- For more information see <https://ptes.org/campaigns/stag-beetles/>