

THE LIFE CYCLE OF A STAG BEETLE TAKES 4 TO 6 YEARS



Breeding season (1-3): late May until the beginning of August out in the open air
Eggs (4): about 20 eggs laid singly under the soil in the vicinity of dead wood
Larval development (5-8): probably at least 3 years feeding on decaying wood
Pupa (9): a few weeks in the summer inside a compacted soil ball
Adult stag beetle (10): fully formed by the beginning of September but waits in the soil until next year to fly outside

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