

Bury Buckets for Beetles for Schools

Following the successful launch of the BB4B scheme by the Royal Holloway, University of London and People's Trust for Endangered Species, we have decided that we would like to launch the scheme for schools to encourage them to learn about stag beetles, a native endangered species.

To help teachers we have included a children's information booklet, full of colourful photos and information, activity sheets for children with leader's notes, posters and a photo bank.

The stag beetle is largely restricted to the south eastern corner of the United Kingdom. It is our largest terrestrial insect, has an amazingly long life cycle of 6 years, which is dependent on rotting wood and is predominantly found in urban areas.

At RHUL and the PTES we are keen to protect this species and, if possible, extend its range – by putting out suitable habitats such as buckets and log piles.

We also want to dispel the fear of large insects that many people feel.

We hope you will take part in these activities to help us achieve our aim.

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