



Click Beetles

Picture It!

Check out these pictures of click beetles and their habitat!



Images by Sarah Rayner

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What's the gist?

- Click beetles are fascinating!
- This beetle gets its name from the clicking sound the overturned beetle makes when it flips itself into the air and hopefully lands upright.
- The beetle accomplishes this by snapping its fingerlike spine.
- When it lands, the click beetle may tuck in its legs and play “possum” so that a predator will not bother with it.
- The click beetle is also “eye catching”.
- It has two large black eyespots, each one surrounded by a white ring of scales.
- These eyespots do not function in seeing, rather they are used to scare away a potential predator.
- The eyespots are located on the back of the thorax.

Learning Links

Take a look at these materials to further your experience!

Read a story, Listen to a story, Take a tour here: <https://bit.ly/30v3yAQ>

For more information on the Eastern Eyed Click Beetle follow this link to Bugguide.net:
<https://bugguide.net/node/view/458>

Two view an informative video about the click beetle (*Alaus oculatus*) - This beetle jumps!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EARq8VN4WqY>

The Very Clumsy Click Beetle by Eric Carle | SILLY VOICES and FUN MUSIC [CC] is a children's story about a click beetle. This book is geared for PK-2nd grade. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UIKikMXUuY>

Activity Corner

Check out these awesome activities for an enriching learning experience!

Click Beetle Art:

<https://teachingmama.org/the-very-clumsy-click-beetle-activity/>

Coloring Page:

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/287597126179633286/>