

Beetles vary in size, but are usually pea-shaped or sausage-shaped and shiny. They can walk and most fly too. You can see big stag beetles during June and July. You may be lucky enough to see one during the day, but they usually fly at dusk. Ladybirds are beetles. There are lots of different kinds of ladybird, but the most common one is reddish-orange in colour with 2 black spots on its back.

Look out for stag beetles and ladybirds along your route.



Where do you come across most of them? Perhaps near gardens, sports grounds or other types of land.

What are they doing?



There are lots of beetle stories and nursery rhymes. You may know of this one:

Ladybird, ladybird fly away home,
Your house is on fire and your children are gone,
All except one and that's little Ann,
For she crept under the frying pan.

Can you make up a rhyme featuring the beetles you have seen?

If you want to, find out more about stag beetles and tell us where you've seen them by emailing conservation@bromley.gov.uk