

Latin name : Cerambycidae

Size : 2.4 to 6.8 cm

Lifespan : up to 10 months

Cerambyx scopolii

Capricorn beetles are also known as longhorn beetles because of the length of their antennae. A distinction is made between small and large capricorn beetles. As larvae, they feed by excavating galleries in the wood of trees.



The species is found in oak forests, but also in urban parks. It prefers open forests and especially trees whose trunks are well exposed to the sun. The galleries that capricorns dig in tree trunks have a strong impact on the quality of the wood and accelerate senescence without, however, rapidly causing the death of the tree. The wide galleries are also entry points for other species and encourage the formation of cavities, which can be associated with aggression.