

Latin name : *Cetonia aurata*

Size : 1.3 to 2 cm

Lifespan : around 3 years

Rose Chafer

The rose chafer is recognisable by its metallic green colour. It is a pollinating insect that feeds not only on nectar, but also on stamens, which sometimes leads to castration of the flower visited and becomes problematic for future fruiting.



Like all beetles, the rose chafer spends more time in its larval state than in its flying form. There are a number of ways of distinguishing between the larvae of golden and cockchafer beetles. The rose chafer has a small brown head and a large rear end, while the cockchafer larva has the complete opposite: a large head and a small rear end. Cockchafer larvae also have smaller legs, stand-up hairs on their backs and move on their backs rather than on their sides like cockchafer larvae. Add to this a fundamentally different diet: the rose chafer larva feeds only on dead wood, making it a good garden helper, whereas the cockchafer larva eats small roots.