

GREEN JUNE BEETLE

COLEOPTERA: SCARABAEIDAE

Cotinis nitida



Did you know? Larvae of the green June beetle crawl on their backs when they're moving above-ground!

Did you know? Adult green June beetles eat soft-skinned, ripe, or overripe fruit! If you want to catch some, you can peel and put out an old banana in the summer and check it the next day—no guarantees, but you might get them!

Did you know? The larvae move very quickly underground! They're considered faster than any other scarab beetle in the USA.

Look and see!



This grub isn't dead or injured—green June beetle larvae move by crawling on their backs!



Green June beetles use the horn on the front of their head to gouge fruits and burrow in to feast!



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