

LESSER STAG BEETLE

The Latin name for this beetle is *Dorcus parallelipedus*.

This is a medium to large, slender beetle, with a body length of 3 to 4cm. The male's foreparts are broad and dull, whereas the female's are narrow and shiny. They are both black in colour.

It lives with its larvae in rotten wood, mainly beech, elm and ash.

It is most commonly seen from April to October.