

Eastern-Eyed Click Beetle



Photo by Sarah Rayner

Click beetles are fascinating! This beetle gets its name from the clicking sound the overturned beetle makes when it flips itself into the air and hopefully lands upright. The beetle accomplishes this by snapping its fingerlike spine.

The click beetle is also “eye catching”. It has two large black eyespots, each one surrounded by a white ring of scales. These eyespots do not function in seeing, rather they are used to scare away a potential predator.

Learning Links:

[Information and Pictures from BugGuide.net](#)

[Click Beetle Video](#)

[The Very Clumsy Click Beetle by Eric Carle- Book Reading Video](#)