

Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle – Fact Sheet



Classification:
Desmocerus californicus dimorphus

Status:
Threatened

Characteristics

- Full-grown beetles have a cylindrical body that can be as long as 2 inches.
- Females are larger than males.
- The forewings of the female are a dark metallic green with red trimmings, while the male's are primarily red with dark green spots.
- There are four stages in the animal's life: egg, larva, pupa and adult. Eggs are laid only in the branches of the elderberry bush where larva live for up to two years before they become adults.

Habitat and Range

The beetle is found only in the Central Valley, and its entire life cycle depends upon the valley elderberry shrub.

Threats to Survival

The primary threat to the beetle is the continued loss of habitat.



ESA Listing Detail

On August 8, 1980, the valley elderberry longhorn beetle was designated as *threatened* in its entire range. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Pacific Region (Region 1) is the lead region for this species.