



**Goliath Beetle**  
Heaviest Insect

**Record:** Heaviest insect

**Range:**

**Animal name:** Goliath beetle

**Scientific Name:** genus *Goliathus*

**Type of animal:** Insect

**Habitat:** Tropical forests of Africa

**Size:** 4 in (10 cm) long, 2 oz (56 g)

**Status:** Not evaluated

**Facts:** Goliath beetles are the heaviest beetles in the world. Even though the adult Goliath beetles are as big as your hand, the larvae are even larger. Like other beetles, they go through four stages in their life cycle: egg, larva, pupa and adult. The Goliath beetle larvae grow to be about 10 inches long and weigh twice as much as an adult beetle. Goliath beetles are also exceptionally strong. A Goliath beetle can carry over 800 times its weight. If an average third grader was that strong, they could lift a bulldozer.

