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Help us find the Zircon Reed Beetle in Northern Ireland

The Zircon reed beetle (*Donacia aquatica*) is an attractive metallic rainbow-coloured beetle that can be found on sedges in early summer. The adults tend to sit on the leaves of emergent vegetation. We need your help to find where it lives. It's easy to get involved by following the three steps below:

Step 1

Look at sedges alongside rivers and lakes in May and June to see if they have reed beetles on them.

When looking for the beetles always follow the [Water Safety Code](#). For more information on water safety please visit the [Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#).

Step 2

Take a picture of the reed beetles.

Try and include a photo of the plant you find them on as this can help with identification.



Bottle Sedge (*Carex rostrata*) a known foodplant of the Zircon reed beetle.

Step 3

Send your photographs to:

info@buglife.org.uk

Please use the subject 'ZIRCON' and include the following information:

- Your name
- Photograph date
- Location (grid reference if possible)

You can also tweet your photo and information to @BuglifeNI