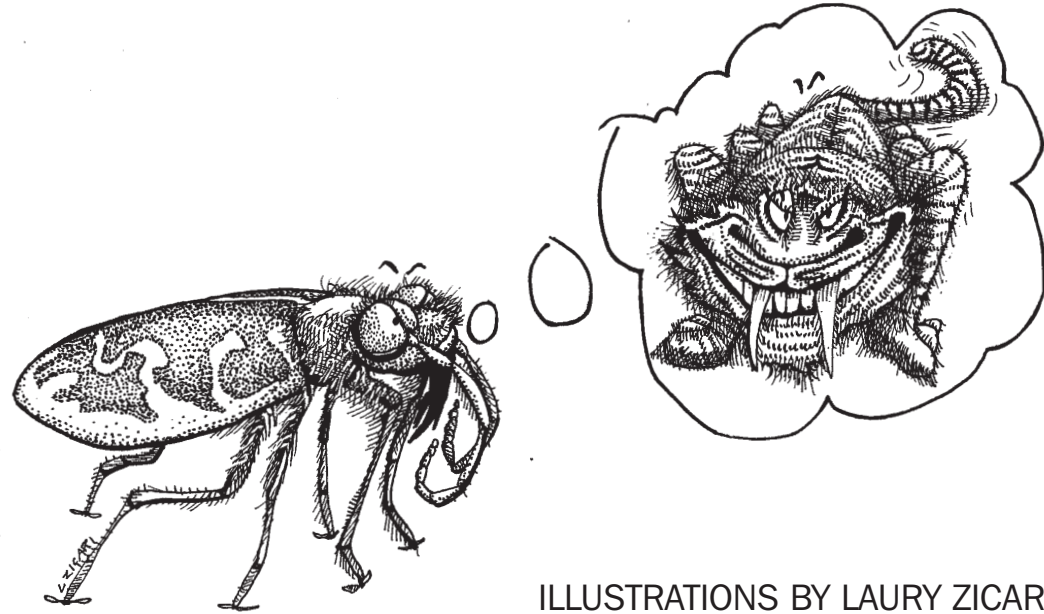


You're sharing the river with a **TIGER!**

Did you know?

Puritan tiger beetles are the fastest animals on Earth, pound for pound.

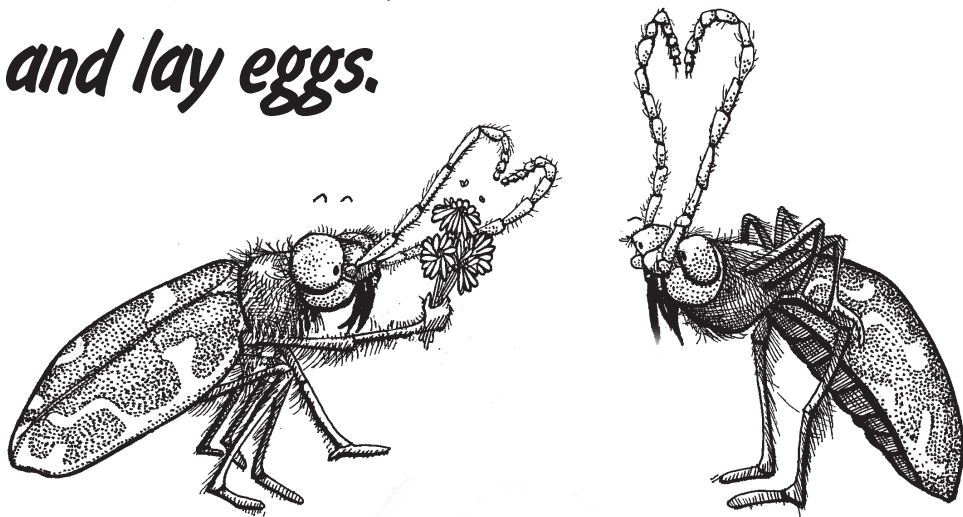
The Connecticut River is one of only two places in the world where Puritan tiger beetles live.



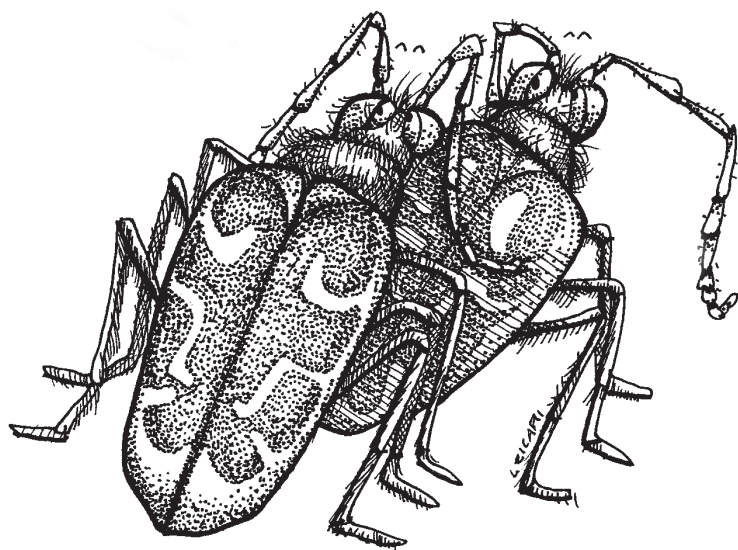
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Just one chance...

Adults have only one month to find a mate and lay eggs.



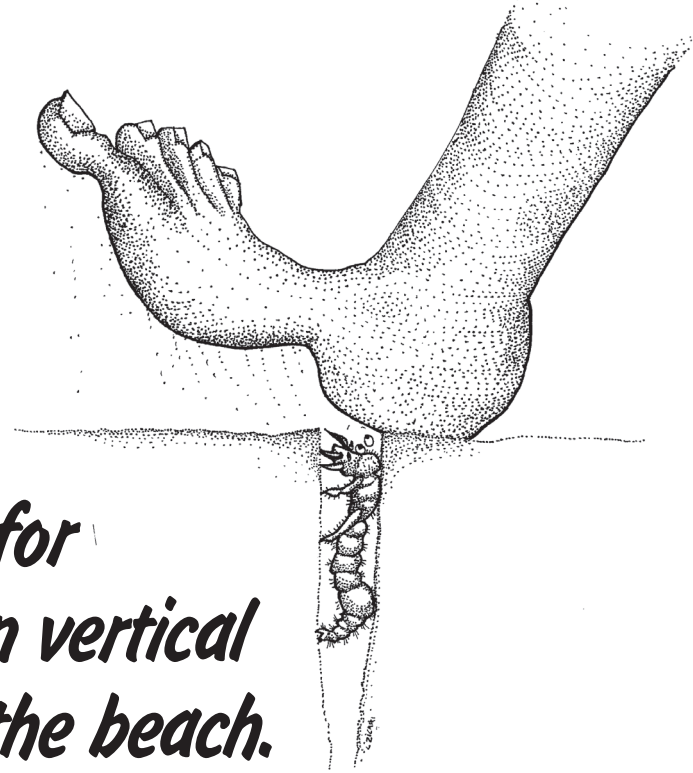
Please don't disturb mating beetle pairs.



Don't tread on me!

Larvae live for two years in vertical tunnels on the beach.

Please respect protective fencing.



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