

Red-Necked longhorn Beetle (*Aromia bungii*)

A seriously damaging wood boring pest of Prunus trees such as **cherry, plum, apricot, peach and cherry laurel**.

It is **not present in the UK**.

It **spreads** through the trade of **plants** and in **wood packaging material**.

Native to Asia, it has been found in Europe with **outbreaks in Germany since 2011 and Italy since 2012**.

Adult beetles:

- are between 22 and 38mm long
- are black with a bright red section behind the head with two spine-like structures on the sides
- have antennae as long or longer than their bodies
- have long black legs

A **fully black form** with no bright red section behind the head has been reported in Italy.

Look out for sawdust-like droppings (frass) at the base of the infested trees as a sign of larvae inside the tree.

If you suspect it, report it by visiting <https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/> or use the QR code.



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