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Typical Location When Observed: Outdoors, typically attracted to night lights.

Importance/Damage: Mostly a curiosity due to large size and ability to hiss.

Distinguishing Features: The tenlined June beetle is a large beetle (22-30 mm) with distinct white stripes running along the body. The antennae of the males are large and may spread fan-like. When disturbed these beetles may hiss.

Look-Alikes: *Polyphyllya diffracta* is a closely related species, particularly common in western Colorado. *Polyphyllya hammondi* is most common in eastern Colorado. Both are about the same size as the tenlined June beetle but their striping is less distinct.

General Life History and Habits: Larvae are a type of white grub that feeds on plant roots. Adults chew foliage of trees and shrubs. Neither stage is seriously damaging since these insects are rarely very abundant.

Scientific Name: *Polyphyllya decemlineata*

Order: Coleoptera (Beetles)

Family: Scarabaeidae (Scarab Beetles, May/June Beetles)

Actual Length

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