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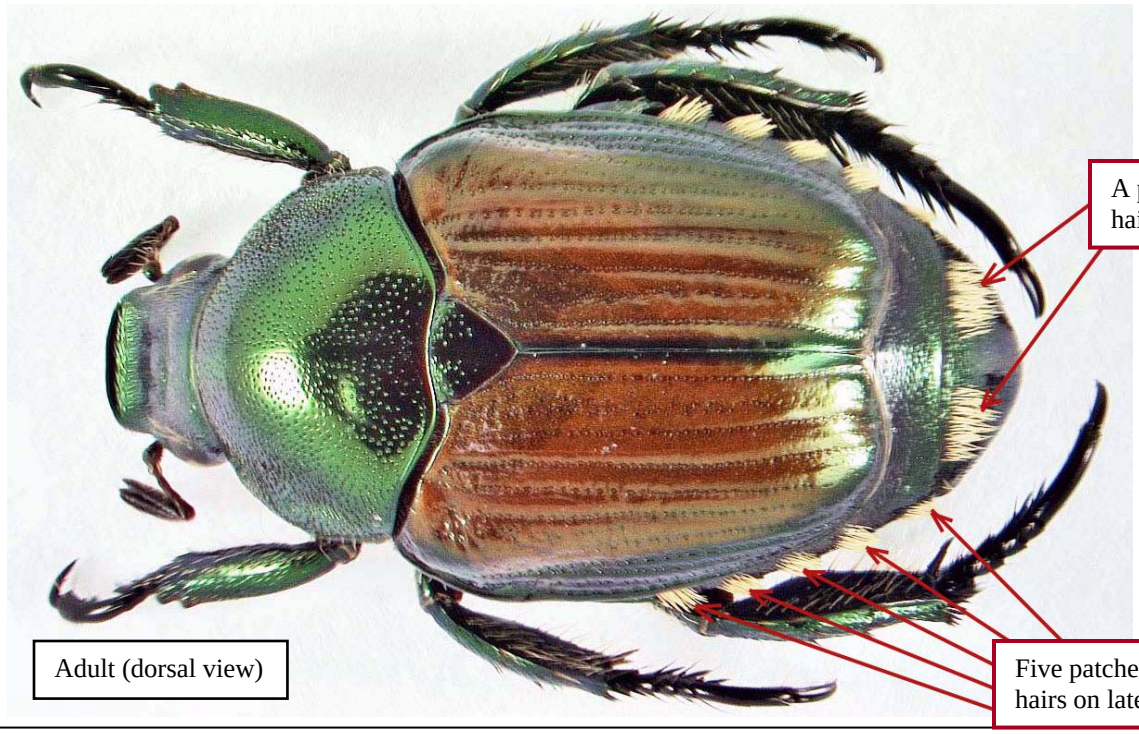
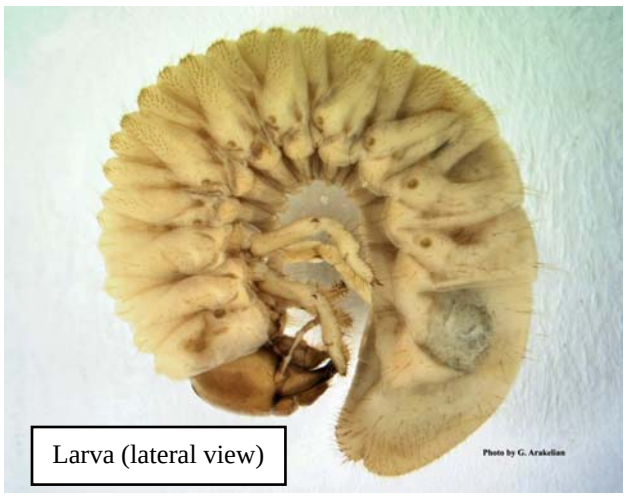
Japanese Beetle *(Popillia japonica)*

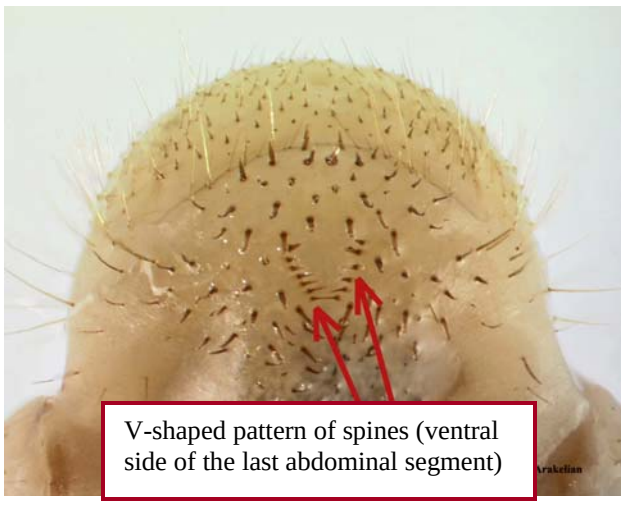
Distribution: Native to Japan. Found also in China, Canada, Portugal, and Russia. Introduced and widespread in eastern and southeastern U.S. **Not present in California.**
Hosts and Damage: Polyphagous (feeds on nearly 300 species of plants). Adults attack foliage, flowers and fruit of plants. Larvae (grubs) feed on roots and often cause significant damage, especially to turfgrasses and seedlings of ornamental and commercial plants.
Field ID: Adults (about 8-11 mm long) have oval, mainly metallic green bodies. Coppery-brown forewings (elytra) do not cover abdomen entirely and expose five patches of white hairs on each lateral side and a pair of white hair tufts on the last abdominal segment. Females are slightly larger than males. **Larva** can reach a length of about 25-30 mm and has creamy-white, C-shaped body with three pairs of legs and light brown head. The ventral side of the last abdominal segment with two rows of short spines in a characteristic V shape.



Adult (dorsal view)



Larva (lateral view)


V-shaped pattern of spines (ventral side of the last abdominal segment)

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