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n.

Any of various often colorful, metallic beetles of the family Buprestidae, many of which are destructive wood borers as larvae.

[From New Latin *Būprēstidae*, family name, from *Būprēstis*, type genus, from Latin *būprēstis*, beetle harmful to cattle, from Greek *bouprēstis* : *bous*, ox; see **g^wou-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *prēthein*, to swell up.]

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