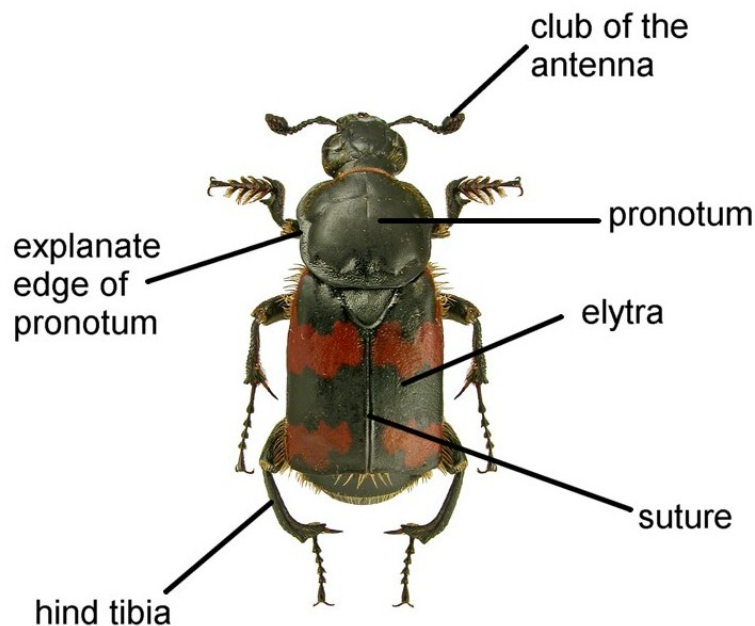


Genus *Nicrophorus*



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NICROPHORUS Fabricius, 1775

NECROPHORUS (misspelling by some authors)

germanicus (Linnaeus, 1758)

humator (Gleditsch, 1767)

interruptus Stephens, 1830 (= *fossor* Erichson, 1837)

investigator Zetterstedt, 1824 (= *ruspator* Erichson, 1837)

vespillo (Linnaeus, 1758)

vespilloides Herbst, 1783 (= *mortuorum* Fabricius, 1792)

vestigator Herschel, 1807

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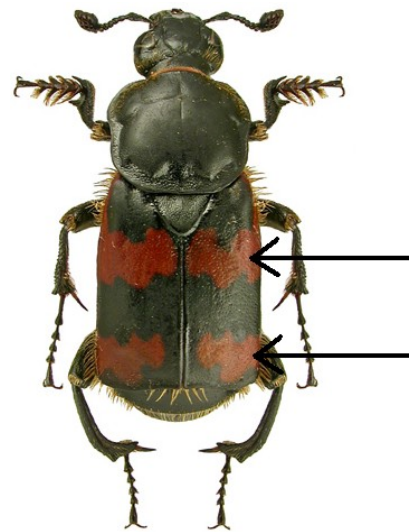
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Adapted from the text in Joy (1932) by Mike Hackston

- 1 Entirely black species, except either the club of the antennae is reddish-brown or some very indistinct reddish colour at the tip of the elytra.[2](#)

Elytra with two transverse reddish to orange-brown marks.[3](#)



- 2 Club of antennae chestnut-brown; explanate edges of pronotum with very indistinct punctures, being more or less smooth.

..... ***Nicrophorus humator***

Common species



Club of antennae black; explanate edges of pronotum distinctly punctured.

..... ***Nicrophorus germanicus***

Not included by Joy



- 3 Club of antennae black. Pronotum hairless; coloured marks on elytra very variable, sometimes nearly covering the whole of the elytra, sometimes the front mark is interrupted in the middle; length 10-17 mm.

..... ***Nicrophorus vespilloides***

Local species



Last three segments of club of antennae reddish-yellow. Length 12-22 mm.[4](#)

4 Pronotum with long golden brown hair near the front and/or rear margin.[5](#)

Pronotum hairless (sometimes a very few hairs are present near the front angles); hind tibiae straight.[6](#)

- 5 Pronotum with long golden brown pubescence all round the edge; hind tibiae straight.
..... ***Nicrophorus vestigator***
Local but widespread



- Pronotum with hairs more or less confined to the front margin (occasionally with a few scattered near the middle of the hind margin); hind tibiae strongly curved inwards near the tip.
..... ***Nicrophorus vespillo* L.**
Common species



- 6 Front coloured mark continued without interruption
across both elytra.
..... ***Nicrophorus investigator***
Local species



- Front coloured marks separated from one another at the
suture, the same as the posterior marks do.
..... ***Nicrophorus interruptus***
Rare species, but widespread

