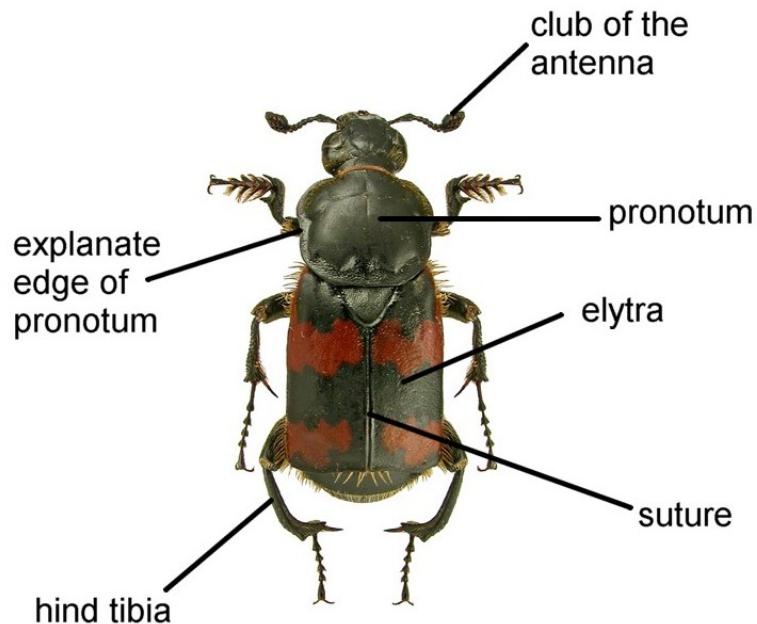


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***NICROPHORUS*** Fabricius, 1775

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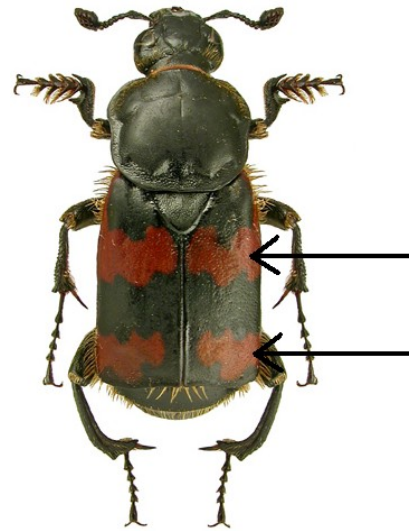
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Adapted from the text in Joy (1932) by Mike Hackston

- 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

