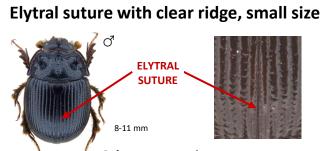
Guide to British Dung Beetles: GEOTRUPIDAE (Dor beetles)



Odonteus armiger

Underside not metallic. Males with backward facing horn. Feeds on underground fungi. Often found on summer evenings, attracted to light. Grass and heathland habitats, usually on calcareous soils. Distribution: South of a line from Lincolnshire to Bristol. UNCOMMON

Forward pointing horns on pronotum



Typhaeus typhoeus (Minotour)

Males with two long horns and a smaller central horn on the pronotum. Female with small bumps on pronotum. Underside of abdomen is all black not metallic. Mostly seen in spring and autumn. Distribution: England and Wales, scarce in Scotland.

Striae faint or absent; basal margin of pronotum with incomplete border



Pronotum lightly punctured Trypocopris pyrenaeus

Pronotum with sparse puncture marks. Metallic sheen blue or purple. Distribution: Southern England, rare in Wales.



Pronotum heavily punctured Trypocopris vernalis

Pronotum with sparse puncture marks. Metallic sheen blue or purple. Distribution: Widespread but not common. Found most often in the West and North. 12-20 mm

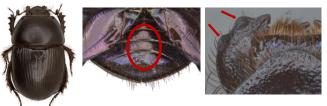
Striae obvious; basal margin of pronotum complete



Geotrupes mutator

Nine lines (stria) between suture and shoulder running the length of each elvtron, whereas other similar species have seven. Distribution: South of a line from Lincolnshire to Bristol. RARE

Seven striae Centre of abdomen bare or with sparse hairs



16-26 mm

Geotrupes spiniger

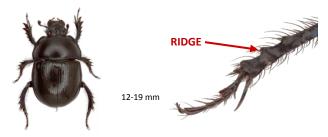
Dull. Central sections of the abdominal segments on the underside are bare or with very sparse hairs. Outer edge of mandibles wavy. Distribution: Widespread in the UK.



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Seven striae and single complete ridge on hind tibia



Anoplotrupes stercorosus

More rounded body shape than the others. Striae less well defined than Geotrupes, which have two ridges on hind tibiae. Often found in woodlands. Distribution: Widespread but found most often in the West and North.

Seven striae

Centre of abdomen evenly covered with hairs

16-25mm

Geotrupes stercorarius

Shiny. Central sections of the abdominal segments on the underside are uniformly covered with hairs. Outer edge of mandibles rounded. Distribution: Widespread in the UK.

