

# UK Beetles

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## Key to the British Cleridae

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1. Mid and hind tarsal segments slender, not bilobed. The fifth segment as long as, or nearly as long as, the others combined. Front tarsi compact with segments 1-4 widened. Mandibles with a deep notch at base. **Thaneroclerus buqueti**

Third segment (at least) on all tarsi strongly bilobed underneath. Mandibles without a basal notch. Species distinctive on general appearance. -2-

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2. Fourth tarsomere about as long as third. Pronotum without lateral edges. -3-

Fourth tarsomere very small, usually partly hidden within the lobes of the third segment. Pronotum edged laterally although not always completely. -5-

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3. Head, including eyes, not wider than the pronotum. First segment of mid and hind tarsi equal or sub equal to second when viewed from above. Antennae serrate. Front coxal cavities closed. -4-

Head broader; at least as broad as the pronotum. First segment of mid and hind tarsi hidden beneath the second when viewed from above. Antennae not serrate. Front coxal cavities not closed. -6-

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4. Elytra black and wider towards the apex. 7-9mm. **Tillus elongatus**

Basal third to half of elytra red, remainder black with a pale transverse mark which does not usually reach the suture. 5-7mm. **Tilloidea unifasciata**

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5. Eyes deeply emarginate. Form elongate. Lateral margin of pronotum indistinct. -10-

Eyes not deeply emarginate. Form broader. Lateral margin of pronotum distinct. -11-

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6. Terminal segment of Labial and maxillary palps securiform or distally dilated to triangular. -7-

Not all palps securiform; terminal segment of at least the maxillary palps elongate. -8-

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7. Eyes finely faceted. Dorsal colouration distinct. 12-16mm. -9-

Eyes coarsely faceted. Dorsal colouration distinct. 8-11mm. **Opilo molis**

8.	Base of the elytra with more or less regular rows of small punctures. Prosternum black. Legs mostly red. Basal white band on elytra adjacent to the red base.	<b>Thanasimus femoralis</b>
	Base of the elytra with more or less regular rows of large punctures. Prosternum red. Legs mostly black. Basal white band on elytra separated from red basal colour by a transverse black band.	<b>Thanasimus formicarius</b>
9.	Pronotum finely punctured.	<b>Trichodes apiarius</b>
	Pronotum coarsely punctured.	<b>Trichodes alvearius</b>
10.	Head including eyes as broad as the pronotum. Terminal segment of the maxillary palps gradually thickened to a truncate apex, inner and outer edges sub equal.	<b>Paratilus carus</b>
	Head including eyes broader than the pronotum. Terminal segment of the maxillary palps securiform, inner margin much shorter than outer margin. (Black with a broad white band across the elytra. Tibiae and antennal segments 1-8 red.)	<b>Tarsostenus univittatus</b>
11.	Eyes pubescent. Head including the eyes as broad as the anterior margin of the pronotum. Pronotum strongly sinuate laterally.	<b>Korynetes caeruleus</b>
	Eyes glabrous. Head including the eyes narrower than the anterior margin of the pronotum. Pronotum smoothly rounded laterally.	<b>-12-</b>
12.	Elytra bicoloured; red at base, dark metallic apically. 4-6mm.	<b>Necrobia ruficollis</b>
	Elytra unicolorous, blue, blue green to blue black. 3-5mm.	<b>-13-</b>
13.	Antennae and legs dark.	<b>Necrobia violacea</b>
	Basal segments of antennae and legs pale red or orange.	<b>Necrobia rufipes</b>



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