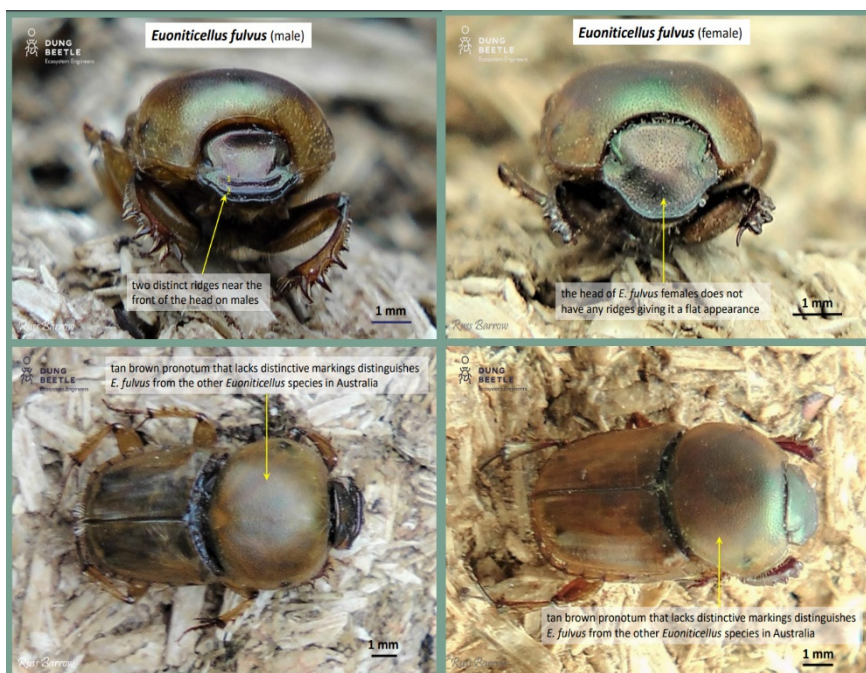


## *Euoniticellus fulvus* (introduced)



Presence of *Euoniticellus fulvus* in Australia (Source: DBEE).

**Size:** 8-12 mm

**Colour:** Golden/ yellow to brown, without speckling on pronotum

**Horns:** None. Males have two ridges at front of head, but females have none.

**Similar species:** *E. fulvus* is similar to other species of *Euoniticellus* including *E. intermedius*, *E. pallipes* and *E. africanus*. However, *E. fulvus* is slightly smaller and the lack of markings set it apart.

**Flight time:** Day

**Active seasons:** Spring to autumn

**Distribution in Australia:** Victoria, WA, SA, Tas, NSW

**Origin:** Native to western and central Europe, the Middle East and north Africa

**South West Prime Lamb Group (SWPLG) demonstrations:** *E. fulvus* has been caught at all SWPLG properties hosting traps. It is commonly found with *Onthophagus taurus*, though in smaller numbers.

**Lifecycle:** Nests are about 20 cm below the surface in which several brood masses are constructed, each with one egg. Adults develop in approximately 5-8 weeks.

**Dung burial:** *E. fulvus* buries dung to around 20 cm

**Preferences and establishment:** The number of beetles present on a farm is largely dependent on the amount of dung available. *E. fulvus* can be introduced as starter colonies and is provided by some dung beetle suppliers. A list of dung beetle suppliers can be found on the DBEE link below.

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Dung beetle suppliers: [dungbeetles.com.au/livestock-producers/buying-dung-beetles](http://dungbeetles.com.au/livestock-producers/buying-dung-beetles)