

Aphodius fimetarius (introduced)



Size: 7-9 mm

Colour: Two-toned beetle with a black head and pronotum and red-brown wing coverings.

Horns: None.

Similar species: *Aphodius lividus* is similar but smaller and has brown wing coverings rather than the brighter red-brown of *A. fimetarius*.

Flight time: Day

Active seasons: Active throughout the year with peaks in late spring and early autumn.

Distribution in Australia: Victoria, WA, SA, NSW, Tasmania, Queensland

South West Prime Lamb Group (SWPLG) demonstrations: *Aphodius fimetarius* has been commonly found on SWPLG properties. *A. fimetarius* is dung 'dweller', unlike the other dung beetles found on SWPLG farms which are 'tunnellers'.

Recorded presence of *A. fimetarius* in Australia (Source: [Atlas of Living Australia](#)).

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