ee Trunk Tiger Beetle
tipsidera albicans

ntification: Length 11 mm. Black with te patches on wing covers; long slender . Eyes and jaws very large.

es: Predatory. Runs after prey on trunks nooth gum trees. Flies actively when urbed to a new tree. Larvae in vertical rows in soil.

ing Water Beetle
nister tripunctatus

ntification: Length 30 mm. Streamlined. shed olive-green with yellow border nd body.

es: Predatory. Swims in still waters and s to surface regularly to renew air bubble rries beneath wing covers. Sometimes les swimmers sitting quietly in water.

irligig Beetle *Macrogyrus oblongus*

ntification: Length 10 mm. Flattened. enish-black, long forelegs and very short and hind legs.

es: Swims in groups on surface of quiet kwaters, often with rapid circular motion. s are divided in two for specialised life- e — one pair for viewing above water e other pair scan under water.

inoceros Beetle *Xylotrupes gideon*

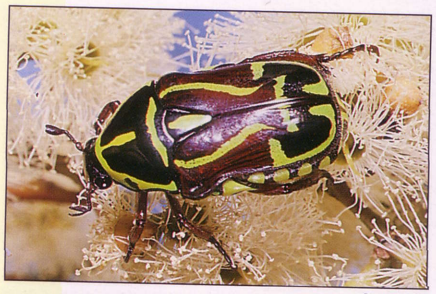
ntification: Length 40 mm. Large, black. e (pictured) has forked horns on both d and thorax; female unarmed.

es: Large, grey, curled larvae common in urban compost heaps; hatch in summer dults which often come to lights or aggre- for mating in poinciana trees where feed on soft bark of young shoots. lts squeak loudly when handled but are nless.

Fiddle Beetle *Eupoecila australasiae*

Identification: Length 15 mm. Gains common name from enamelled violin-shaped green pattern on blackish-brown wing covers.

Notes: Flies strongly. Feeds on nectar in flowers of eucalypts and other trees. Larvae live in decaying wood and compost and crawl on their backs.



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Brown Cockchafer
Rhopaea magnicornis

Identification: Length 22 mm. Pale brown. Hairy, with soft wing covers and fan-like antennae.

Notes: Larvae are white curl-grubs which live in soil of gardens and lawns and feed on plant roots. Adults hatch in large numbers after summer rains and fly backwards and forwards above lawns at dusk.

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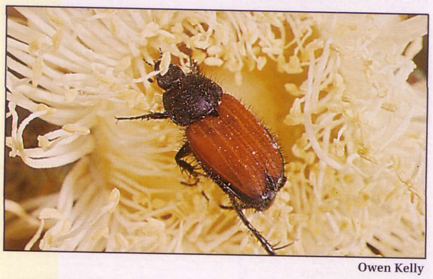
Washing Beetle *Phyllotocus* sp.

Identification: Length 7 mm. Small. Black thorax and orange wing covers; long legs.

Notes: Emerge in thousands in summer to feed on white gum blossoms. Often mistakenly swarm on moving white objects such as washing on the line, tennis players or even brides.



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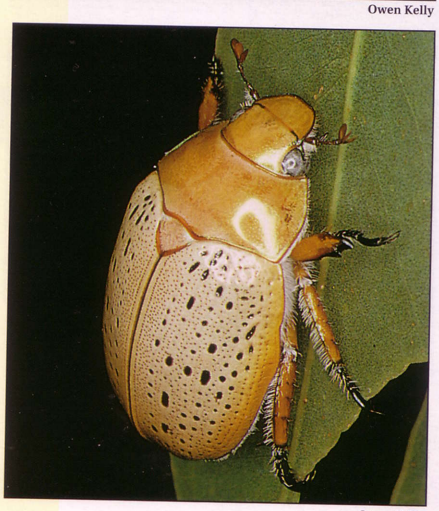
Christmas Beetle
Anoplognathus porosus

Identification: Length 25 mm. Large. Creamy-gold with short, dark parallel grooves on wing covers. Grooves more conspicuous in closely related species *A. boisduvali.*

Notes: Fly to house lights in midsummer, hence common name. Adults feed on eucalypt foliage while larvae are white curl-grubs which live in soil and feed on plant roots.



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