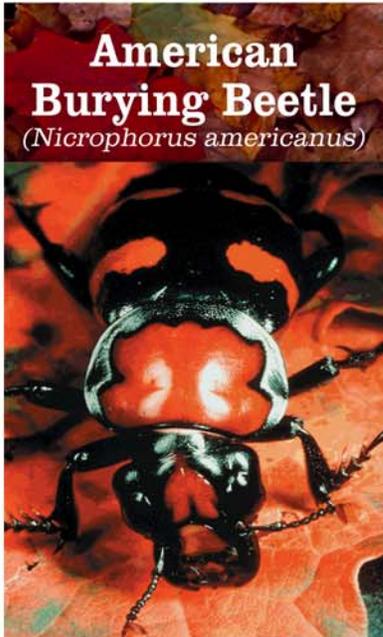


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American Burying Beetle
(Nicrophorus americanus)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Protected at
Camp Gruber TS,
McAlester AAP
(both in Oklahoma),
Fort Chaffee (Arkansas)
and Fort Maxey (Texas)

Habitat: Primarily dependent on carrion availability and areas undisturbed by human influence.

Large beetle, approximately 1.5 inches long.

Adults lay eggs in the carcass of a small animal, located using olfactory organs. Male and female pair bury carcass several inches below ground surface, leaving a small chamber above carcass for female to lay 10-30 eggs. Larvae receive parental care during feeding and growing time, an extremely rare behavior in insects.

Listed as endangered on July 13, 1989.

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