

# Trichodes (Coleoptera: Cleridae) of Germany:

## Identification key for imagines

This identification key can be used to identify imagines of both sexes. It is valid only for specimens from Germany. It accounts for normal individual variation, but cannot be used to identify aberrant or damaged specimens.

- 1a** Shoulders (edges at the base of the elytra) red, orange or yellow.....**2**
  
- 1b** Shoulders dark (black, with or without green/blue metallic iridescence).....**Trichodes ircutensis**
  
- 2a** Tip of elytra orange or red (n. b.: examine with care: often the orange or red area at the tip is quite narrow).....**Trichodes alvearius**
  
- 2a** Tip of elytra dark.....**3**
  
- 3a** Red or orange areas on the elytra extensive and touching each other across the wing suture.....**Trichodes apiarius**
  
- 3b** Red or orange areas on the elytra less extensive and not touching each other across the wing suture.....**Trichodes favarius**

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