



Although he might not be the prettiest thing to visit your garden, This little fella sometimes gets a bad wrap.

Heteronychus arator commonly known as Black Beetle can provide benefits to some lawns. Tunnelling activity aerates the soil and can help simulate new root growth.

If you have a major infestation of thousands (rare) its best to apply Black Beetle granules to move them on.

While the larvae most definitely feeds on the roots of lawns, they generally keep moving throughout the soil, rarely concentrating on a single small area. Having a feed here and there, and never doing enough damage to a single area of the lawn root system to cause it to kill the lawn area it is supporting.

In turn, the lawn's response is to replace its lost roots with new, younger and more vigorous roots, and this is very good for the lawn.

Yes, there is still one more benefit to having Lawn beetles in our lawns.

As the beetles and larvae burrow throughout our lawns, they leave behind them masses of tiny trails and tunnels.

This has the effect of naturally aerating the soil beneath the lawn, allowing vital oxygen to circulate into the soil for the roots of the lawn to be able to take up.

So the Lawn Beetle could be referred to as nature's little lawn coring machines.