

Common dung beetles on pasture

Detritivores



Aphodius distinctus



Aphodius granarius



Aphodius prodromus

Dwellers



Aphodius erraticus



Aphodius fimetarius



Aphodius fossor



Aphodius haemorrhoidalis

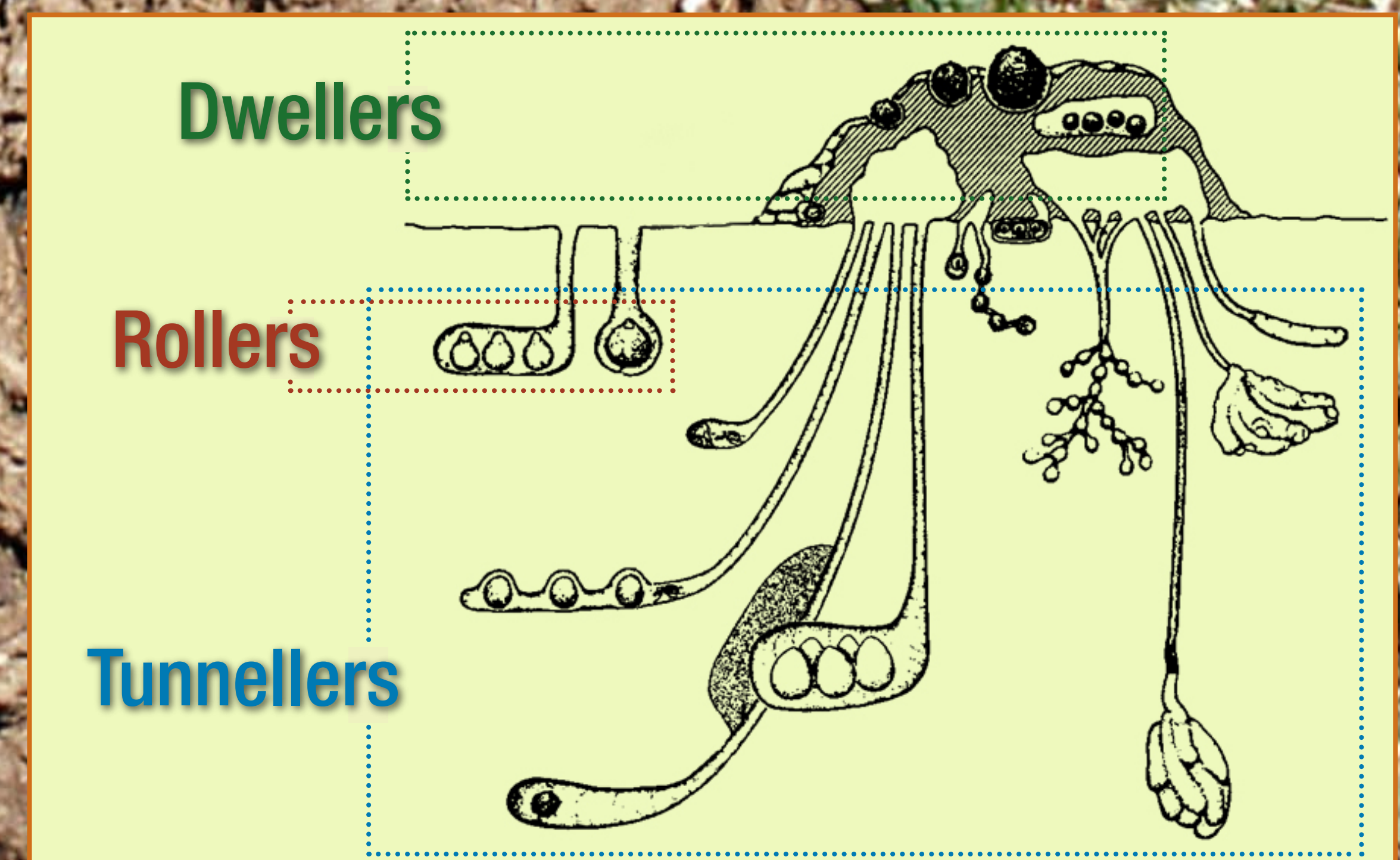
Rollers



Canthon pilularius



Canthon praticola



Modified from Doube, B.M. 1990. A functional classification for analysis of the structure of dung beetle assemblages. *Ecological Entomology* 15: 371-383.

Tunnellers



Digitonthophagus gazella



Onthophagus nuchicornis



Onthophagus taurus

'Dwellers' are most common in Canada, but are least suited to degrade cattle dung. A project is now underway to introduce the more efficient 'tunnelers', *Digitonthophagus gazella* and *Onthophagus taurus*, from the United States into southern Alberta.

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