Table 2. Key to burying beetles of eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas.

1A. Pronotum covered with fine, golden hairs..... *tomentosus*
1B. Pronotum not covered with hairs.....2

2A. Pronotum and frons red-orange..... *americanus*
2B. Pronotum and frons black.....3

3A. Elytral spots faint or absent..... *pustulatus*
3B. Elytral spots present.....4

4A. Pronotum round, smooth and domelike..... *carolinus*
4B. Pronotum not round, smooth or domelike..... 5

5A. Femur of back leg distinctly curved..... *sayi*
5B. Femur of back leg straight..... 6

6A. Spots on each elytron connected on lateral edge of elytron..... *marginatus*
6B. Elytral spots distinct..... *orbicollis*