broad, but only half as wide as the elytra. Thorax quite twice as broad as long, transversely convex in front, the front angles extremely depressed; the surface finely pubescent, but scarcely punctulate. Elytra longer than the thorax, very finely punctulate, with short very fine pubescence. Hind body broad, acuminate behind, very indistinctly and hardly densely punctulate; the lateral margins of the anterior segments broad.

Eleven individuals of this species have been found; but they do not exhibit any external sexual character, so far as I can see: nearly all are in bad condition. Two individuals found on the Volcan de Chiriqui, at a height of between 2500 and 4000 feet, apparently only differ by the antennæ being quite concolorous. Whether they will prove to be a distinct species or not I am very doubtful.

2. Brachida sparsa.

Ferruginea, antennis pedibusque testaceis, illis in medio nigricantibus, pubes brevissima vestita; prothorace fortiter transverso, basi rotundata in medio subemarginata; elytris cerebre subtilissime, abdomen parce punctatis.

Long. 3\(\frac{3}{4}\) millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Capetillo (Champion).

This insect is quite similar to B. modesta, except that it differs in the punctuation of the elytra and hind body, which is comparatively sparing and not quite so invisible, and the pubescence is consequently less dense.

Two individuals have been found.


Ferruginea, capite abdominisque basi in medio piceescentibus, antennis pedibusque testaceis, illis in medio nigricantibus, pubis brevissima vestitas, omnium subtilissimae, haud perspicuæ punctulata; mesosterno longitudinaliter carinato.

Long. 2\(\frac{3}{2}\) millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Dueñas (Champion).

Antennæ similar to those of B. modesta, scarcely so elongate. Head small in comparison with the other parts. Thorax considerably narrower than the elytra; these latter with a very fine, abundant, upright pubescence, which is very easily removed and then leaves the surface smooth and shining. Hind body broad, only sparingly punctate.

Though very similar to B. modesta and B. sparsa, this insect will be readily distinguished by the smaller head and thorax and the carinate mesosternum. Only a single individual has been found.


Ferruginea, antennis articulo basali elongato, in medio picea, apice — ; elytris dense subtilissime granulatis; abdomen subtiliter punctulato, lateribus argute elevatis, auctis; mesosterno medio fortiter carinato.

Long. circiter 2 millim.