5. Conosoma ornatum. (Tab. VII. fig. 15.)

Ferrugineum; antennis fusis, basi pedibusque testaceis, capite thoracoque in medio fuscescentibus, elytris nigris, fascia irregularare basali rufa, abdomine variegato; thorace parce punctato, basi truncato, angulis posterioribus subobtusis.

Long. 4 millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Cerro Zunil 4000 to 5000 feet, Guatemala city, Capetillo (Champion); PANAMA, Los Remedios (Champion).

Rather slender; antennae moderately long, much thickened outwards, dark in colour, with the basal joints pale, the two or three penultimate joints not so long as broad; the terminal joint large. Head more or less infuscate, usually paler in front. Thorax about as long as broad, but little rounded at the sides, moderately narrowed in front; the base not sinuate till quite close to the hind angles, these being very minutely prolonged backwards, and not rounded; the sides are broadly pale, the middle dark, the surface rather sparingly punctate. Elytra evidently longer than the thorax, rather more closely punctate than it, black with a broad irregular basal pale fascia. Hind body slender, red, more or less marked with black. Mesosternal carina slightly elevated behind, almost wanting in front.

The small series of individuals of this species show some variation. Seven individuals from Guatemala agree closely except that the breast is either blackish or red, probably dependent on maturity, and that the infuscation of the thorax and segments of the hind body is variable in degree: an eighth individual, from Capetillo, has the antennae paler and more slender, and the variegation of the elytra much less distinct, while the pair from Panama have the antennae rather more slender and the terminal joint quite pale. The individual delineated on the Plate is from Cerro Zunil.

6. Conosoma subornatum.

Fusco-ferrugineum; antennorum basi pedibusque testaceis, elytris ad basin minus argute rufo-maculatis; cerebris punctatum; antennis articulo penultimo hauud transverso.

Long. 3½ millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Capetillo, Guatemala city, Zapote, Aceituno, Purula, San Isidro 1600 feet (Champion); NICARAGUA, Chontales (Janson).

Antennae rather slender; the tenth joint about as long as broad; terminal joint a little paler towards the extremity. Thorax with the base only indistinctly sinuate on each side, the hind angles scarcely projecting backwards, minutely rounded; it is of fuscos colour, more or less vaguely ferruginous about the sides. Elytra only as long as the thorax, with a large vague transverse red mark at the base, not extending to the outer margin. Hind body fuscos, with each segment ferruginous behind. Mesosternal carina only slightly prominent.

The unique individual from Nicaragua is very pallid and immature, and it is not quite clear that it is really conspecific with the Guatemalan specimens.