ante apicem, nigris; pedibus abdominisque apice testaceis; elytris creniis ad basin dense subtiliter punctatis.
Long. 8 millim.

**Hab. Panama**, Volcan de Chiriqui between 2500 and 6000 feet (*Champion*).

This is closely allied to *B. mimeticus* and *B. pictipennis*, though readily distinguished by the metallic colour of the head and thorax, and the longer and more closely punctate elytra, the punctuation being at the extreme base dense and fine.

The male has six or seven short spines on the front femora, and two series of spines on the hind femora, and also a broad shallow emargination of the hind margin of the last ventral plate; the female has only one or two spines on the front femora, the hind legs being unarmed.

Only three examples of *B. similis* have been found; the figure is that of a female. As will be seen on reference to the plates, this species bears an excessive resemblance to *Paederomimus pectoralis*.

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**CHROAPTOMUS.**

**Antennae** longe post capitis marginem anteriorem insertae. **Prothoracis** seta lateralis elongata ad marginem lateralem propinquaque. **Palpi maxillares** articulo secundo dilatato. **Tarsi posteriores** tenues, elongati, articulo basali quam articulus apicalis longiore.

Although the *Philonthus flagrans*, Er., has remained associated with the other *Philonthi*, yet as it differs from all the species of that genus known to me by the antennæ being inserted in large fossæ so as to be remote from the front margin, and by the remarkable characters of the male, these latter having, however, hitherto escaped observation, it must clearly form a separate genus. Whether the Brazilian *P. celites*, Er., should be associated with it I do not know, the insect being unknown to me.

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**1. Chroaptomus flagrans.**


**Mas.** Capite in medio anterius argute foveolato, labro fissu, opaque, in medio membranaceo.
**Fem.** Capite in medio anterius foveolato, labro nitido, dimidibus haud distantibus.

**Hab. Mexico** 1, **Mirador** (*Höge*), Cordova (*Sallé*), Jalapa (*Flohri*); **Guatemala**, Balheu, San Gerónimo, Cerro Zunil 4000 to 5000 feet (*Champion*); **Costa Rica** (*Van Patten*); **Panama**, Volcan de Chiriqui below 4000 feet, Boquete 3500 feet, Caldera 1200 feet, (*Champion*).—**South America**, Colombia 1 (*Mus. Sharp*), Venezuela.

This is occasionally met with in great abundance; Mr. Champion found it flying about rotten fruits in the forest. A variety occurs in which the head of the male is rather larger, with the anterior impression large and deep and occasionally even punctate behind.