the eyes. The thorax is slightly narrowed behind, and the elytra are not longer than it.

Herr Höge found three examples; as one of them has the head narrower than the others, I conclude I have both sexes before me. In Guatemala Mr. Champion met with only a single example, and though it has the punctuation on the head not quite so dense, it is not sufficiently different to be treated as distinct at present.

7. Thyrecephalus puncticeps.

Nigerrimus, nitidus; elytris rufis, crebris fortiusque punctatis; pedibus piecis, tarsiis rufescensibus; capite oblongo-ovali, densissime fortiter punctato, opaco.

Long. 17–20 millim.

Hab. Mexico, Uruapan (Flohr), Juquila (Sallé).

This species is closely allied to T. rufipennis, but has the head very densely punctured and rather narrower, and the punctures of the elytra rather more numerous, especially near the suture.

Only one example is extant from each locality. That from Sallé’s collection has the punctuation of the head a little less dense; but I feel sure the two belong to one species. They may be the sexes; if so, the differences of punctuation may be sexual; or they may both be females, as the mandibles are shorter and thicker than they are in the male of any other species of the genus.

8. Thyrecephalus cribripennis.

Nigerrimus; elytris pedibusque piecis, illis crebris fortius profundeque punctatis; capite oblongo-ovali, parce fortiter punctato.

Long. 20 millim.

Hab. Mexico, Cordova (Sallé).

This insect is similar to T. rufipennis, but has the elytra darker in colour and with a larger development of punctuation. The head is quite sparingly punctate, so that it is shining like the thorax; the punctures at the sides of the latter are very coarse.

Only one example has been received; to judge from it the species is well distinguished from its allies by the fact that, in addition to the trivial characters, the labrum is less transverse and more prominent, its central notch being much larger, and it is nearly simply bilobed, the lateral angles (which are so evident in the other species) being in T. cribripennis not distinguishable. The sex of this individual is unknown to me.

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The insect on which this genus is founded resembles the European Nudobius lentus