Cryptobium.

Hab. Mexico, near the city (Flohr, coll. Sharp); Cordova, Playa Vicente (Sallé), Jalapa, Oaxaca (Höge); Guatemala (Sallé), near the city, and San Gerónimo (Champion).

Head rather narrow, not much more than half as broad as the elytra, sparingly but coarsely punctate, somewhat shining, with large convex eyes. Thorax slightly narrower than the head, the sides a good deal rounded in front, very slightly narrowed behind, coarsely but sparingly punctate, there being a broad impunctate space along the middle, and on either side of this an irregular double series of punctures imperfectly separated from the lateral punctuation; the surface dull, minutely coriaceous. Elytra very distinctly longer than the thorax, with remarkably deep coarse punctuation.

In the male the terminal ventral plate is broadly and rather deeply emarginate; but the base of the emargination in the middle is armed with a slight angular projection; the lateral lobe of the armature is much broader than in the female, the under margin is rounded, the upper margin nearly straight, but with a small upward curvature at the apex, causing it to be minutely acuminata; there is also an obscure setigerous impression on the third ventral plate, and a transverse pubescent line on the next segment.

This is one of a group of species characterized by the peculiar construction of the external genital armature. It varies much in colour; very red examples were labelled "C. nigriventre, Chev.," in Sallé’s collection. A very dark example of the male sex from Guatemala city is figured.

51. Cryptobium cognatum.

Minus depressum, nigricans; capite prothoraceaque dilute rubro-castaneis, elytris piecis, margine summo apicali angustissime pallido, abdominisque segmentis duobus ultimis posterius flavo-marginatis; antennis rufis, pedibus pallide flavis; prothorace minus nitido, utrinque crebre punctato; elytris densissime, profunde, vix fortiter punctatis, subrugosis.

Long. 9 millim.

Hab. PANAMA, Tolé, San Feliz (Champion).

This species is very closely allied in all respects to C. nigriventre, except that the punctuation of the elytra is much denser and finer, and the head and thorax generally more slender. The male has a small setigerous impression on the third ventral plate, and an elongate transverse pubescent line on the next plate; the terminal segment is broadly but slightly emarginate behind, and with a very slight angular projection in the middle of the emargination.

Seven examples, agreeing closely with one another, were met with. Sandy banks of rivers (Champion).

52. Cryptobium perforatum.

Minus depressum, nigricans; capite rufo, antennis pedibusque testaceis, elytrorum margine summo abdominisque