Antennæ short, the penultimate joints rather strongly transverse. Head rather broader than the elytra, nearly circular; eyes large, occupying the greater part of the sides. Thorax much longer than broad, subovate, gently curved and quite without angles at the sides, unimpressed. Elytra considerably longer than the thorax, dilutely fuscescent. The two terminal segments of the hind body tubular, quite black.

Two examples.
This agrees in most respects with Erichson’s description of *E. melanurus*, but is, I think, a different species.

4. **Echiaster minutus.**

_Brevior, ferrugineo-testaceus, antennis pedibusque testaceis, illis brevisbus, clavatis; prothorace quam latitudo paullo longiore; abdomine apice summo nigrante._

Long. 2½ millim.

_Hab. Guate Mala, Zapote (Champion); Nicaragua, Chontales (Janson)._  
Antennæ very short, the penultimate joints very strongly transverse. Head suboblong; the eyes rather small, placed at the middle of the sides, the vertex slightly emarginate. Thorax curved at the sides, narrowed behind, but little prolonged in front, longitudinally but obsolescetely raised along the middle, quite dull, like the head densely, almost imperceptibly sculptured. Elytra a good deal longer than the thorax, densely and very finely sculptured, very slightly infuscate behind. Hind body not elongate, attenuate behind, the sixth and seventh segments clothed with black hairs; legs short.

In this minute but distinct insect the labrum is less prominent than usual, and the lateral denticles are excessively minute.

Two examples from Guatemala, one from Nicaragua.

5. **Echiaster championi.** (Tab. XV. fig. 14.)

_Brevior, ferrugineo-testaceus, antennis pedibusque testaceis, illis brevisbus, clavatis; capite subquadrato, oculis convexus; prothorace quam latitudo vix longiore, longitudinaliter obsolete bisulcato._

Long. 3 millim.

_Hab. Guatemala, near the city, Zapote (Champion)._  
Very closely allied to *E. minutus*, but with a more quadrate head and considerably larger eyes; the thorax slightly broader and distinctly bisulcate.

6. **Echiaster funebris.**

_Niger, brevisissime griseo-pubescent, densissime sculpturatus, peropacus; antennis pedibusque sordide testaceis, illis erasis._

Long. 4 millim.

_Hab. Panama, Volcan de Chiriqui 2000 to 3000 feet (Champion)._  
Antennæ short, thick, the penultimate joints very strongly transverse. Head wide, nearly as broad as long, the vertex rounded, the eyes convex, the surface extremely densely

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