

the wing-cases. The specimens before me show no sexual differences, and have the tarsi slender.

13. *Bidessus abjectus*.

Breviter ovalis, fuscus, limbo dilutior, antennarum basi testacea, pedibus fusco-testaceis; prothorace parce punctato, striga profunde impressa; elytris sat crebre fortiter punctatis, striga basali breviuscula; coxis posticis abdominisque basi punctis paucis magnis.

♂ nitidus, corpore supra conspicue punctato.

♀ opaca, corpore supra fere impunctato.

Long. $\frac{7}{8}$, lat. $\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

Hab. MEXICO, Oaxaca (*Höge*).

This species is allied to *Hydroporus fuscatus*, Crotch, but is of a very much shorter form and of more obscure colour, the elytra being without markings; and the difference of the sexes is remarkable. From all the varieties of *Hydroporus affinis*, Say, it may be distinguished by the presence of coarse punctures on the coxæ; it is also shorter in form than the common species.

14. *Bidessus magensis*.

Hydroporus magensis, Clk. Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. ser. 3, x. p. 182¹.

Hab. MEXICO¹.

15. *Bidessus spretus*.

Breviter ovalis, nitidus, fere sine pubescentia, testaceus, capite elytrisque infuscatis, antennis versus apicem fusco-testaceis, abdomine pectoreque nigricantibus; elytris tantum sparsim obsoleteque punctatis, stria suturali profunda, basi plica conspicua sat elongata.

Long. $\frac{7}{8}$, lat. vix $\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

Hab. GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo, Paso Antonio, 400 feet (*Champion*).

This species is very similar to *Hydroporus lacustris*, from which, however, it can be distinguished at once by possessing a deep distinct sutural stria; the wing-cases, too, are more shining, their punctuation being more scanty. The basal stria or plica is longer than that of the thorax, as is the case in *H. lacustris*. All the specimens before me have the tarsi slender; and I can see no sexual distinctions.

16. *Bidessus obtusus*.

Oblongo-ovalis, postice minus acuminatus, sine pubescentia, nitidus, testaceus; elytris lineis latiusculis elongatis nigris, versus suturam sparsim punctatis, impressione basali parum elongata; corpore subtus fere impunctato.

Long. 1, lat. $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{5}{8}$ lin.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Paso Antonio, 400 feet (*Champion*).

Antennæ short and rather stout, clear yellow. Head impunctate. Thorax impunctate, but on each side with a deep and rather broad basal impression. Elytra distinctly