

RHANTUS.

Rhantus, Lacord. Faun. Ent. Par. i. p. 309 (1835) ; Sharp, Trans. Roy. Dubl. Soc. n. s. ii. p. 899.
Colymbetes (ex parte), Aubé, Spec. Gén. vi. p. 218.

This is a rather extensive genus of about forty species, widely distributed on the surface of the globe, but more especially characteristic of Europe and North America. It is doubtful whether any of the Central-American species will ultimately prove to be peculiar to the region.

1. *Rhantus suffusus*.

Rhantus suffusus, Sharp, Trans. Roy. Dubl. Soc. n. s. ii. p. 613.

Hab. MEXICO, city of Mexico (*Flohr*), Toluca (*Sallé*).

The male of this species remains unknown, only a single female, extant in *Sallé's* collection, being known in addition to the individual found by Mr. *Flohr*.

2. *Rhantus binotatus*.

Colymbetes binotatus, Harris, New Eng. Farm. vii. p. 164 ; Sharp, Trans. Roy. Dubl. Soc. n. s. ii. p. 614.

Colymbetes maculicollis, Aubé, Spec. Gén. vi. p. 245.

? *Colymbetes gutticollis*, Say, Trans. Am. Phil. Soc. iv. 1834, p. 442.

Hab. WESTERN UNITED STATES.—MEXICO, Oaxaca, Almolonga, Jalapa, Toluca, Parada (*Sallé*), Guanajuato (*Dugès*, coll. *Sallé*); GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo (*Champion*); COSTA RICA, Cache, Irazu, 6000 to 7000 feet, San Francisco, 4500 feet (*Rogers*).

In some of the Mexican individuals of this plentiful species the black spots on the elytra become condensed and suffused, so as to render the wing-cases blackish. Some of these specimens approach very closely to *R. mexicanus*, so that I have little doubt that species will prove to be an extreme form of *R. binotatus*.

3. *Rhantus mexicanus*.

Colymbetes mexicanus, Cast. Et. Ent. p. 101 ; Sharp, Trans. Roy. Dubl. Soc. n. s. ii. p. 614.

Hab. MEXICO, Oaxaca, Parada, Toluca (*Sallé*), San Luis Potosi (*Palmer*); GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo (*Champion*).

4. *Rhantus atricolor*. (Tab. I. fig. 11.)

Colymbetes atricolor, Aubé, Spec. Gén. vi. p. 265 ; Sharp, Trans. Roy. Dubl. Soc. n. s. ii. p. 615.

Hab. MEXICO, Guanajuato (*Dugès*, coll. *Sallé*), Orizaba (*Sallé*), Alvarez mountains (*Dr. Palmer*).

5. *Rhantus calidus*.

Dytiscus calidus, Fabr. Ent. Syst. i. p. 193.

Colymbetes calidus, Aubé, Spec. Gén. vi. p. 262.