

2. *Megathopa candezei*. (Tab. II. fig. 5.)

Megathopa candezei, Harold, Col. Hefte, xi. p. 102¹.

Hab. NICARAGUA, Chontales¹ (*Belt, Janson*); PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui (*Champion*).

An example from the Volcan de Chiriqui is figured.

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Canthon, Hoffmansegg, Wiedem. Zool. Mag. i. 1, p. 38 (1817); Harold, Monogr. in Berl. ent. Zeitschr. 1868, p. 1.

Coprobis, Latreille, Règne Anim. ed. 2, iv. p. 535 (1830); Burmeister, Stett. ent. Zeit. xxxiv. p. 410 (1873).

Like *Megathopa* an exclusively American genus, extending in the north to the 41st parallel of latitude and to about the same distance from the equator in the south, the species being most numerous and varied in the equatorial subzone. 135 species have been described.

1. *Canthon sallæi*. (Tab. II. fig. 2.)

Canthon sallæi, Harold, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. 1863, p. 174¹; Berl. ent. Zeitschr. 1868, p. 39².

Hab. NICARAGUA, Granada¹ (*Sallé*), Chontales (*Belt, Janson*); COSTA RICA (*Van Patten*); PANAMA (*Boucard*), Taboga Island (*Champion*).—SOUTH AMERICA, Colombia².

Two Nicaraguan examples in the Sallé collection are labelled "type": these agree in colour with Harold's original description of the species, but not with the subsequent one given in his 'Monograph.' The species seems to be represented in Nicaragua by one constant varietal form, in which the upper surface is shining testaceous-red, with the head, a narrow basal margin to the thorax and elytra, and the suture of the latter, dark brassy; the under surface and legs brassy-black, with the abdomen (except its basal and apical margins) and pygidium testaceous-red. In Costa Rica the local form is similar, except that the thorax has a broad brassy-black central vitta (sometimes interrupted in the middle), and the basal and sutural brassy-black borders of the elytra are more or less (sometimes very greatly) dilated. Examples from Panama and Taboga Island again differ, the thoracic vitta being narrower and dilated in the middle, the abdomen wholly black, except the pygidium (which is yellow with a dark central line), and the hind (and sometimes also the middle) femora testaceous-yellow in the middle.

In the form or forms described by Von Harold in his 'Monograph,' who, according to his habit, does not say to which of the numerous localities they refer, the colours are "piceus, thorace leviter virescente maculis quatuor in angulis dispositis testaceis, vel omnino piceo vel rufo, elytris nigris interdum rufo-signatis."

A Nicaraguan specimen is figured.