

but it is also less bright in colour, with only a stripe of green on the elytra, and the channel on the thorax is replaced by a smooth raised line. The thorax is less deflexed at the sides and anterior angles than in *B. aurulenta*, with strong punctures irregularly placed, leaving irregular smooth intervals on each side of the disk; on each side of the median ridge, along the front margin, and at the sides, the punctures are smaller and much closer, crowded together at the sides. The posterior angles are less acute than they are in *aurulenta*. The elytra are more gradually narrowed towards the apex; dull coppery purple, with the space between the first and second costæ green; densely punctured, as in *aurulenta*. Each elytron has four costæ (besides the short scutellar one); the first and second extend nearly to the apex, a little more raised than is usual in *aurulenta*; the third is fine, scarcely raised, somewhat interrupted, and does not extend much beyond the middle; the fourth is also very fine, a little more elevated than the third, and extends from some distance below the shoulder nearly to the apex. The apex of each elytron is obliquely truncated, the sutural angle is moderately acute, the outer angle slightly dentiform. The punctuation of the underside of the insect is somewhat similar to that in *aurulenta*; but that on the abdomen is more equally distributed, and at the sides of the basal segment it is less close and finer.

3. *Buprestis biplagiata*.

Elongata, elliptica, cuprea, supra aureo-viridis; thorace crebre punctato, plagis duabus nitidis margineque cupreis; elytris confertim punctatis, quadricostatis, sutura margineque cupreis.
Long. 8 lin.

Hab. MEXICO, San Luis Potosi (*Sallé*).

This species closely resembles the preceding (*B. piliventris*); but the copper-colour is not so red, and is confined to the margins of the thorax and two patches on the disk, and to the suture and margins of the elytra. The thorax is very similar; the median raised line is the same, but on each side of the disk there is a much more clearly defined smooth patch, which is sparingly punctured. The elytra differ in having the scutellar stria almost confounded with the suture; the third costa is smooth and shining, and, although abbreviated posteriorly, is as well defined as the first and second. The apex of each elytron is obliquely and very slightly truncated, the outer angle not dentiform. The sculpture of the body beneath is very similar; but the sides of the basal segment of the abdomen are more strongly and more closely punctured, and its margin (especially at the sides), as well as that of the other segments, is smooth.

4. *Buprestis ventralis*.

Elongata, elliptica, æneo-viridis, subtus aureo tineta; thorace crebre punctato, linea mediana nitida, margine laterali ipso cupreo; elytris sutura marginibusque cupreis, sutura costisque utrinque quatuor parum elevatis, abdomine parce punctulato.
Long. 9 lin.

Hab. MEXICO (*Höge*).