

The following species is only provisionally included. It has much the form of *S. neglecta*, Klug, but is rather more parallel than that and almost all the species, and has a very small scutellum. Having seen only a single specimen of the species, I refrain at present from proposing a distinct genus for its reception.

1. *Sphenoptera purpurascens*. (Tab. II. fig. 14.)

Elongata, parallela, nitida, purpurascens; capite creberrime viridi punctato, thorace minus crebre viridi punctato, parum transverso, fere parallelo; scutello parvo, transverso; elytris thorace vix latioribus, postice gradatim angustatis ad apicem sexspinosus, evidenter striato-punctatis, interstitiis secundo quartoque ad apicem paulo elevatis.

Long. $6\frac{1}{4}$ lin.

Hab. HONDURAS (*Brit. Mus.*).

The thorax has the lateral line sloping very obliquely downwards and obliterated anteriorly. At the base of the thorax there are three punctiform impressions, one in the middle and one on each side; the base itself is straight in the middle and slightly sinuate on each side; the posterior angles are right angles. The punctures forming the lines on the elytra are not very close, but very distinct; there are a few punctures here and there on the interstices. The apex of each elytron has three spines; of these the second is a little removed from the sutural one and is a little more produced; the third is removed some distance from this, is more lateral, and very acute. The line dividing the prosternum from the flanks of the prothorax is a straight line from its commencement on the front margin to the coxal cavity. The metathoracic parapleura are very narrow, parallel, and about three times as long as broad. The posterior coxal plate is very broad internally, parallel for about half its length, then obliquely narrowed externally.

ACTENODES.

Actenodes, Lacordaire, Gen. des Coléoptères, iv. p. 72 (1875).

The species of this genus are chiefly confined to Central and South America. Two occur in North America; and it appears to me that *Chrysobothris acuminipennis*, Gory, from Madagascar, and perhaps one or two other species of *Chrysobothris* from Africa, would be better transferred to *Actenodes*.

1. *Actenodes chalybeitarsis*.

Belionota? chalybeitarsis, Chevr. Col. Mex. fasc. i. 1833¹.

Chrysobothris chalybeitarsis, Lap. & Gory, Mon. ii. p. 2.

Chrysobothris curvicollis, Gory, Mon. Suppl. p. 158, t. 27. f. 153².

Hab. MEXICO, Boca del Monte¹, Cordova (*Sallé*), Misantla, Plan del Rio (*Höge*); BRITISH HONDURAS, river Sarstoon (*Blancaneaux*); GUATEMALA, Izabal (*Sallé*), San Isidro, Chacoj,

Actenodes montezuma Obenberger n. sp. Mexico

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