

Var.  $\alpha$ . The head, prothorax, scutellum, and a large humeral patch on each elytron (sometimes extending along the base to the suture) fulvous, the rest of the elytra black or piceous.

Var.  $\beta$ . Obscure rufo-testaceous, the elytra with the base and the sides to about the middle, and sometimes the apical half of the suture, as well as the prothorax in part, infusate or black.

Length  $3-4\frac{1}{2}$ , breadth  $2\frac{1}{3}-3$  millim.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Teapa in Tabasco (*H. H. Smith*), Yucatan (*Pilate*<sup>1</sup>); GUATEMALA, Las Mercedes, Pantaleon, Zapote, San Gerónimo (*Champion*); NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Janson*); PANAMA, Bugaba, Volcan de Chiriqui, Caldera, David (*Champion*).

This appears to be the commonest and most widely distributed species of the genus in Central America. It is very variable in colour, and also in size. The varieties occurred both in Guatemala and Panama in company with the type. Some of the smaller Panama specimens are a little more rotundate in shape, but I cannot separate them. The elytral pubescence is longer and coarser than in any of the allied forms. The insect was collected in numbers at Las Mercedes and Bugaba. I apply Guérin's name to this species with some hesitation, as it is impossible to identify his insect from the brief description\*. *S. fuscus*, Chevr., from Cuba, appears to be a closely allied form.

### 8. *Scirtes ellipticus*.

Broadly elliptic, moderately convex, shining; obscure testaceous, the prothorax yellowish, the elytra narrowly bordered with piceous at the base, the antennæ and legs testaceous; the upper surface thickly clothed with short, decumbent, rather coarse, pallid hairs. Head, prothorax, and scutellum thickly, minutely punctate; antennæ long and slender, joint 3 slightly shorter than 2, 4-8 very elongate (9-11 broken off); prothorax convex, very short, somewhat rounded at the sides, narrowing from the base; elytra closely, very finely punctate, the punctuation coarser than that of the prothorax, narrowly margined at the sides. Length 4, breadth  $2\frac{1}{2}$  millim.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo (*Champion*).

One specimen. Very near *S. pilatei*, but differing from it in the much finer and closer punctuation of the elytra, the shorter pubescence, the rather more rounded sides of the thorax, and the somewhat narrower general shape. The elytral punctuation is coarser and sparser than in *S. tenuicornis*.

### 9. *Scirtes pulicarius*.

Elliptic, moderately convex, shining; brown or pitchy-brown, the suture of the elytra paler, the head and prothorax testaceous or brownish-testaceous, the prothorax with the sides and base paler in one specimen, the antennæ brown with the basal joints testaceous or entirely testaceous, the legs testaceous; thickly clothed with fine pallid pubescence. Head, prothorax, and scutellum thickly, minutely punctate; antennæ long and very slender, joint 3 short, about as long as 2, 4-11 elongate, gradually decreasing in length; prothorax short and convex, narrowing from the base, finely margined at the sides; elytra closely, very finely punctate, the punctuation coarser than that of the prothorax, narrowly margined at the sides. Length  $2\frac{1}{4}-3$ , breadth  $1\frac{3}{5}-2$  millim.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA, Mirandilla (*Champion*); PANAMA, Bugaba (*Champion*).

\* It would apply almost equally well to *S. rotundatus*.