

### 19. *Scirtes puncticollis*.

Elliptic, short, moderately convex, shining, testaceous, thickly and finely pubescent. Head, prothorax, and scutellum densely, minutely punctate; antennæ long and exceedingly slender, joints 2 and 3 subequal, 4-11 elongate, gradually decreasing in length; prothorax very short and convex, narrowing from the base, acutely margined at the sides; elytra closely, minutely punctate, the punctuation a little sparser and more distinct than that of the prothorax, narrowly margined at the sides.

Length  $2-2\frac{1}{2}$ , breadth  $1\frac{1}{3}-1\frac{2}{5}$  millim.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA, El Tumbador (*Champion*); PANAMA, Bugaba, Volcan de Chiriqui (*Champion*).

One specimen from each locality. The description is taken from the Bugaba example, the others being in a bad state of preservation. This very small species resembles *S. salicis*; but it is more oval in shape, the antennæ are longer and much more slender, and the thorax is more distinctly punctured. The three specimens agree in this last-mentioned character. The dense, distinct punctuation of the thorax gives it a dull appearance.

### 20. *Scirtes salicis*.

Elliptic, rather narrow, shining; fusco- or obscure rufo-testaceous, the head and prothorax sometimes a little paler than the elytra, the legs and antennæ testaceous, the basal joints of the latter paler; thickly clothed with fine pallid pubescence. Head, prothorax, and elytra thickly, very minutely punctate; antennæ moderately long and slender, joint 3 small, a little shorter than 2, 4-11 rather elongate, gradually decreasing in length; prothorax short and convex, narrowing from the base, finely margined at the sides; elytra thickly, minutely punctate, the punctuation a little coarser than that of the prothorax, narrowly margined at the sides; upper spur of the posterior tibiæ rather more than half the length of the first tarsal joint.

Length  $2-2\frac{1}{10}$ , breadth  $1\frac{1}{8}-1\frac{1}{4}$  millim.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA, Panzos (*Champion, Conradt*).

Found in numbers on willows on the banks of the River Polochic. This is one of the smallest and most obscure of the Central-American species of the genus. It is allied to *S. angustatus*, but is very much smaller and less elongate. The insect has entirely the aspect of a very small *Cyphon*.

### 21. *Scirtes scymnoides*.

Elliptic, short, rather convex, shining; rufo-testaceous, or fuscous with the basal and apical margins of the prothorax and the scutellum reddish, the antennæ and legs testaceous; thickly clothed with fine pallid pubescence. Head, prothorax, and scutellum very minutely punctate; antennæ moderately long and slender, joint 3 small, about as long as 2, the others elongate; prothorax very short and convex, narrowing from the base, finely margined at the sides; elytra thickly, finely punctate, the punctuation much coarser than that of the prothorax, narrowly margined at the sides; upper spur of the posterior tibiæ about half the length of the first tarsal joint.

Length 2, breadth  $1\frac{1}{3}-1\frac{2}{5}$  millim.

*Hab.* PANAMA, Bugaba (*Champion*).

Two examples. Very like *S. salicis*, but shorter and more convex, the elytra not so finely punctured, the punctuation being much coarser than that of the thorax. The insect resembles a *Scymnus*, of the family Coccinellidæ.