

cate at the tip, the body beneath reddish-brown. Head moderately broad, thickly, very minutely punctate, the eyes rounded and rather small; antennæ long and slender, more than half the length of the body, joint 3 small, shorter than 2, the other joints elongate. Prothorax very short and broad, moderately convex, the sides gradually converging forwards, distinctly explanate, and acutely margined; the surface punctured like that of the head. Elytra rather elongate, somewhat parallel in their basal half, flattened on the disc, the humeri rounded, the apices obliquely truncate; closely, very finely punctate, the punctuation a little coarser than that of the prothorax, with three faint raised lines—two on the disc, oblique, and one at the sides; each elytron with a very deep, large, oblique, pyriform impression on the inner part of the disc immediately before the apex, the impressions extending to the suture, with their narrow ends forwards.

♂. Oval, rather convex; the elytra without impressions near the apex, a little flattened on the disc towards the base, the raised lines on the disc very faint or obliterated, the apices rounded.

Length $2\frac{1}{4}$ – $2\frac{3}{5}$, breadth $1\frac{2}{5}$ – $1\frac{1}{2}$ millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, San Isidro (*Champion*); PANAMA, Caldera, David and Tolé in Chiriqui (*Champion*).

Eleven females and four males, all but one, a male, from Chiriqui.

The males are very dissimilar from the females, but, as they were obtained in company at David, there can be no doubt that they belong to one species. The genitalia of both sexes have been examined. The deep ante-apical foveæ of the elytra in the female extend obliquely forwards, and are pyriform in shape, their narrow ends meeting at the suture. The margins of the thorax are explanate. The sculpture of the apices of the elytra is very like that of the males of various species of *Malachius*. The localities for this insect are all on the Pacific slope, and in the "tierra caliente."

2. *Cyphon quadrifoveolatus*. (Tab. XXVII. fig. 8, elytron, ♀.)

♀. Elongate, narrow, subparallel, depressed, shining, finely pubescent; piceous, the legs and antennæ testaceous, the latter slightly infusate at the tip. Head moderately wide, closely, minutely punctate, the eyes small and rounded; antennæ about half the length of the body, joint 3 very small, much shorter than 2, 4 elongate, longer than 5, the others longer than broad. Prothorax very short and broad, moderately convex, the sides gradually converging forwards and sharply margined; the surface closely, distinctly punctate. Elytra rather elongate, subparallel in their basal half, flattened on the disc, the margins not visible from above, the humeri rounded, the apices obliquely truncate, the disc with indications of one or two raised lines; the surface closely, very finely punctate, the punctuation a little coarser than that of the prothorax; each elytron with a very deep, large, oblique, oval impression at the base within, and a very deep, large, round fovea on the inner part of the disc immediately before the apex, the foveæ extending to the suture.

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

Hab. MEXICO, Cuernavaca in Morelos (*H. H. Smith*); GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo (*Champion*).

Two female examples of this peculiar insect have been obtained. It approaches *C. impressus*, Lec., from Florida. The following is an allied form.

3. *Cyphon parallelus*. (Tab. XXVII. fig. 9, elytron, ♀.)

♀. Elongate, narrow, subparallel, depressed, shining, finely pubescent; piceo-testaceous, the legs and antennæ testaceous, the latter infusate at the tip. Head moderately wide, closely, minutely punctate, the eyes rounded and very small; antennæ moderately slender, about half the length of the body, joint 3 very