

middle extending downwards, and a large common subtriangular patch below the scutellum infusate or piceous, the eyes black, the antennæ and legs testaceous. Head rugulosely punctured, the eyes large and prominent in the male, smaller in the female; antennæ slender, moderately long, the joints 4-10 each with a comparatively short ramus in the male and feebly serrate in the female, joint 3 slightly shorter than 4. Prothorax short, convex in front, sharply margined at the sides and apex, the sides rounded and rapidly converging from a little before the base to the apex, the hind angles acute; the base trisinate, feebly denticulate, and with a short projecting tooth in the centre; the surface thickly granulate-punctate. Scutellum rugulosely punctured, with a deep notch in the centre in front. Elytra rather short, sharply margined and distinctly rounded at the sides, widest at the middle and there a good deal wider than the prothorax, the apices sharp, the humeri rounded; punctate-striate to near the apex, the interstices thickly punctured. Fifth ventral segment feebly emarginate in the male. Tarsal claws rectangularly dilated in both sexes.

Length  $3\frac{1}{3}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$ , breadth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{3}{4}$  millim. ( $\sigma$   $\varphi$ .)

*Hab.* BRITISH HONDURAS, R. Hondo (*Blancaneaux*); NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Janson*).

One male and five females from the Rio Hondo and a female from Chontales. This small species somewhat resembles *P. deleta*, but it is smaller, shorter, and more convex; the scutellum is deeply notched in front; the elytra usually have rather definite markings, and the tarsal claws are similarly formed in both sexes. The elytra in fully-coloured examples appear to have an oblique yellowish stripe extending from the shoulders downwards. *P. trinotata*, Lacord. (Gen. Col., Atlas, t. 43. fig. 2), from Brazil, is very like *P. submaculata* in size and colour, but is figured with an unemarginate scutellum.

## 22. *Ptilodactyla rufotestacea*.

$\sigma$ . Oblong-elliptic, rather broad, flattened above, shining, thickly pubescent, rufo-testaceous, the eyes black, the antennæ and legs testaceous. Head closely punctured, the eyes large; antennæ very elongate, slender, the joints 4-10 each with a long ramus, the rami much longer than the joints themselves. Prothorax short, broad, greatly narrowed and moderately convex in front, sharply margined at the sides and apex, and slightly explanate at the sides behind, the sides feebly rounded and rapidly converging from the base, the hind angles sharp; the base trisinate, obsoletely denticulate; the surface thickly punctate. Scutellum rugulosely punctured, notched in the centre in front. Elytra rather elongate, wider than the prothorax, the sides a little rounded and broadly margined, the apices sharply produced, the humeri rounded; obsoletely punctate-striate to near the apex, the interstices closely and rugulosely punctured. Fifth ventral segment somewhat broadly depressed along the middle and deeply emarginate at the apex. Tarsal claws rectangularly dilated.

Length  $6\frac{3}{4}$ , breadth  $3\frac{1}{10}$  millim.

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

One example. This insect is not unlike *P. pallescens*; but it has a much broader thorax and acuminate elytra, the antennal rami are much more elongate, and the tarsal claws are differently formed, the last-mentioned character bringing it near *P. tabascoana*, &c.

## 23. *Ptilodactyla tabascoana*.

Elliptic, flattened above, shining, thickly clothed with rather long yellowish-cinereous pubescence; fusco-ferruginous, the antennæ and legs testaceous. Head rugulosely punctured, the eyes large; antennæ long and slender, the joints 4-10 each with a moderately long ramus in the male and serrate in the female.