

49. **Apion poeticum**, sp. n. (Tab. III. fig. 14, ♂.)

Elongatum, gracile, nigrum, nitidum, antennis, pedibus marisque rostri parte anteriore flavis; oculis sat prominulis, inter sese mediocriter distantibus; rostro graciliore.

Long.  $2\frac{1}{4}$  millim.

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

This is distinguished from *A. hastifer* by its more delicate build, longer legs and rostrum, and the narrower head and eyes; by this latter character it is easy to separate the two when they are placed side by side. We have received four examples of *A. poeticum*.

50. **Apion rufinulum**, sp. n. (Tab. II. fig. 24.)

Sat robustum, rufescens, elytris sanguineis, prothorace, capite rostroque cum antennis nigricantibus; prothorace parcissime punctato; elytris plus minusve obsolete seriatim punctatis.

Long.  $2\frac{1}{4}$ –3 millim.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Chilpancingo, Teapa (*H. H. Smith*); BRITISH HONDURAS, Belize (*Blancaneaux*); GUATEMALA, Panajachel, Mirandilla, Zapote, Aceituno, San Gerónimo, San Juan in Vera Paz, Cahabon, Chiacam (*Champion*); NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Janson*); PANAMA, David (*Champion*).

Rostrum of the male scarcely so long as the head and thorax, rather stout, punctate, but shining, of the female considerably longer, more slender, polished; eyes convex, somewhat widely separated; antennæ black, inserted a little farther in front of the eyes than the width of the interocular space. Thorax rather short, moderately broad, a good deal narrowed in front, and slightly constricted, blackish in colour, more or less feebly ænescent, shining, very sparingly punctate. Elytra dark red, smooth and shining, with series of faint distant punctures, which, however, are variable in their size; there is a marginal deeply impressed stria, and at the apex of each wing-case two or three deep impressions with convex interstices. Underside of the breast and abdomen red, the former with white hairs at the sides; middle coxæ widely separated. Legs variable in colour—usually red, but in some specimens the front femora are infusate in the middle; sometimes they are all so much infusate as to be nearly black. The male has a well-marked mucro at the apices of the middle and hind tibiæ.

We have received a fair series of this species, but made up from very scattered localities. If all belong to one species then it is a very variable one; the colour of the legs, as already stated, varies from clear red to nearly black; and the head, thorax, and rostrum are sometimes rufescent to a greater or less extent. But the most striking variation is in the sculpture of the elytra: the serial punctures are sometimes scarcely to be detected, while in other cases they are well marked and quite conspicuous, and in some individuals those near the suture are deep and connected together so as to form there two or even three striæ.