

### 13. *Rhaphirhynchus politus*.

*Rhaphidorrhynchus politus*, Senna, Ann. Soc. Ent. Belg. 1894, p. 605<sup>1</sup>.

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>1</sup>, Toxpam (*Sallé*).

The striation on the sides of the front of the thorax is very distinct in this species, and there is a biserial foveolation of the under surface of the head and metarostrum. This sculpture is very coarse in the female, and the foveoles are more approximate.

Three specimens.

### 14. *Rhaphirhynchus auricollis*, sp. n.

*Æneus*, nitidus, antennis pedibusque rufescentibus; elytris inæqualibus, fuscescentibus, numerose rufo-signatis, juxta suturam bistriatis, externe fortiter striato-punctatis, angulo apicali parum prominulo.  
Long. 14 millim.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Toxpam (*Sallé*); NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Belt*).

*Male.* Antennæ rather long; first joint without descending process, but with a tubercle in its place; third joint a good deal longer than second. Head narrow; rostrum with a distinct, small, subangular dilatation at the tip, black. Thorax very shining, of a golden colour, broad, but very much narrowed in front in consequence of the narrow neck. Elytra broad, their surface somewhat uneven owing to a vague large impression on the middle and another impression behind; the tip sinuate-truncate, with the external angle a little prominent; of the series next the suture, only two are striæ; outside this are rows of large, very distinct punctures, the interstices being broad, not at all convex; the flavescent marks are none of them very long; short marks on the third to the seventh interstices form an interrupted transverse band behind the middle; the third interstice is flavescent from the base to the middle; the fourth and fifth interstices are flavescent at the extreme base, where the yellow colour, indeed, is continuous in the transverse direction from the third to the fifth interstices; the eighth and ninth interstices have a small geminate mark some distance behind the shoulder, and the ninth has also a very obscure mark near the tip; another obscure flavescent mark exists at the tip on the third interstice. Under surface brassy and polished; abdomen very feebly impressed along the middle; prosternum and under surface of the head and metarostrum granulate, the latter without serial punctures. Legs rather long.

The only species this resembles superficially is *R. politus*, but it is easily distinguished by the large punctures on the elytra, the broad interstices, and the vague depressions on the dorsal region.

Two specimens.

The male of *R. auricollis* has a minute angular dilatation of each side of the tip of the rostrum, so that this species may be taken as the first one of the series of forms uniting *Rhaphirhynchus* and *Belorhinus*.