

All the twenty odd species of *Neanthribus* known to me have three prominent tufts on the pronotum. The insect named *Anthribus lividus* by Leconte and Horn is described as being without tufts. As the beak, moreover, is said to be entirely flat, not at all carinate, I conclude that the N.-American species does not properly belong to *Neanthribus*.

*Key to the Central-American Species.*

- a.* Pronotum with two small tufts or pustules at apical margin, mesial tuft larger than lateral ones, black behind or nearly all black . . . . . *b.*  
     No apical tufts on pronotum . . . . . *c.*
- b.* Pronotum with large black patch from base to mesial tuft . . . . . Species No. 1.  
     Pronotum without this patch . . . . . Species No. 2.
- c.* Legs villose with long white hairs . . . . . *d.*  
     Legs not villose . . . . . Species No. 9.
- d.* Apex of elytra variegated, with black spot on suture . . . . . *e.*  
     Apex of elytra white, at least apical half of declivous portion not spotted . . . *g.*
- e.* No regular black markings on pronotum; tufts black, small . . . . . *f.*  
     Pronotum with regular black markings; mesial tuft bright luteous . . . . . Species No. 8.
- f.* Apex of elytra with three black spots, a round one on suture and a smaller ovate one at each sutural angle; two very small tufts at base of elytron in first and third interspaces . . . . . Species No. 3.  
     Apex of elytra mottled with brown, white, and clay-colour, an elongated spot on suture, no distinct dots at sutural angles; one rather larger tuft at base of elytron situated in third interspace . . . . . Species No. 4.
- g.* Basal half of pronotum clay-colour; apical area of elytra extended to third tuft of third interspace, its anterior edge straight . . . . . Species No. 7.  
     Basal half of pronotum more or less white; white apical area of elytra not sharply limited in front, its anterior edge not straight . . . . . *h.*
- h.* Frons with white ring . . . . . Species No. 6.  
     Frons without white ring . . . . . Species No. 5.

**1. *Neanthribus championi*, sp. n. (Tab. XII. figg. 18, 18 *a.*)**

♂ ♀. Blackish-brown, pubescent clayish-grey, variegated with brown and greyish-white. Antenna rufous, club brown, end-segment paler than 9 and 10. Legs long-hairy, rufescent, spotted with brown. Head and rostrum luteous, the former with indistinct white patches. Pronotum with a high mesial tuft which is black on the hinder side, this colour being continuous with a large black patch which extends to base and is variegated with some milky-white pubescence; rest of pronotum luteous, unicolorous in middle, variegated with brown laterally; a small tuft on each side of the large one, with two or one small, sharply marked, elongate, black spots in front; at apical margin two luteous tufts feebly tipped with white. Elytra tessellated with black along suture, the spots more or less oblique, a larger elongate spot before apex, a small black dot near tuberculiform sutural angle, alternate interspaces feebly pustulated and faintly tessellated, third interspace with sub-basal tuft and a smaller one before middle, obliquely behind the latter a still smaller pustule each in interspaces 5 and 7, the area behind these three tufts being grey; a larger tuft in third interspace before apical declivity and another of the same size further back in the fifth; side of elytron without long hairs.

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