

Elytra with the sides abruptly rufo-fulvous and the sutural region black;

prothorax closely punctate . . . . . *fulvolimbatus*, sp. n.

Elytra black; first ventral segment almost unimpressed in ♂ . . . . . *ebeninus*, sp. n.

Rostrum flattened and much broader in ♂, slender and cylindrical in ♀;

first ventral segment excavate and 4-foveate in ♂. [PHACEGASTER.] *fallax*, Boh.

### 1. *Catolethrus longulus*. (Tab. I. figg. 27, 27 a, b, ♂.)

*Catolethrus longulus*, Boh. in Schönh. Gen. Curc. iv. p. 1078<sup>1</sup>; viii. 2, p. 285<sup>2</sup>.

*Rhyncolus tenuirostris*, Schönh. in litt.<sup>3</sup>

♂. Rostrum stout, moderately curved; femora closely set along their lower edge with short, fulvous, hair-like scales; ventral segments 1 and 2 broadly and deeply excavate down the middle, and each with two very small, transversely placed, rugulose foveæ in the excavation (the foveæ on 1 widely separated, those on 2 subcontiguous and placed near its anterior margin), 5 with a very large, transverse fovea in the middle (fig. 27 a).

♀. Rostrum with the anterior portion polished, a little longer, arcuate, and more slender, appearing more abruptly thickened at the base.

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>1 2</sup> (*Truqui*, in *Mus. Brit.*), San Andres Tuxtla, Toxpam, Tabasco (*Sallé*), Las Vigas (*Höge*), San Francisco (*Wickham*), Motzorongo (*Flohr*); GUATEMALA, Trece Aguas (*Barber & Schwarz*, in *U.S. Nat. Mus.*), Cahabon, Chiacam, San Juan, Chacoj, Senahu, Tamahu, and San Gerónimo in Vera Paz, Zapote, Guatemala city, Capetillo, Dueñas (*Champion*); NICARAGUA, Escondido River (*Richmond*, in *U.S. Nat. Mus.*), Chontales (*Janson*); PANAMA, Bugaba, Volcan de Chiriqui (*Champion*).

A common insect in Central America and apparently replaced southward by *C. fallax*. The elytra usually have the sides broadly and indeterminately rufescent, but the entire body is sometimes almost wholly black, or ferruginous with a darker space along the suture. The peculiar ventral and femoral characters of the male have hitherto escaped notice.

### 2. *Catolethrus fulvolimbatus*, sp. n. (Tab. I. fig. 28, ♀.)

Very elongate, narrow, subfusiform, alutaceous, moderately shining, piceous, the elytra with the sides broadly rufo-fulvous and the sutural region black, the antennæ (the club excepted), tip of the rostrum, and tarsi ferruginous. Head closely, finely punctate, deeply transversely sulcate between the eyes; rostrum comparatively slender, cylindrical, widened towards the base and apex, somewhat closely punctate; antennæ with a rather slender funiculus and a moderately stout club. Prothorax oblong-oval, much longer than broad, strongly constricted in front; closely, somewhat coarsely punctate, with an abbreviated impunctate median line. Scutellum strongly transverse, smooth. Elytra scarcely wider than the prothorax, gradually narrowing from the base, the apices bluntly and separately rounded; somewhat coarsely seriate-punctate, the punctures placed in faint striæ, the two inner striæ divergent at the apex, the interstices flat, minutely uniseriate-punctate, the second and third raised and convex on the apical declivity, the third and ninth confluent just before the tip. Legs short; femora unarmed; tarsi rather narrow.

Length  $4\frac{7}{8}$ , breadth 1 millim. (♀.)

*Hab.* PANAMA, Bugaba (*Champion*).

One female, differing from specimens of the same size and sex of *C. longulus* in the longer and more slender rostrum, the closely and strongly punctured prothorax, the