

elytra with a common, large, v- or heart-shaped patch before the middle, an oblique triangular patch at the shoulder, and a large rounded patch on the outer part of the disc towards the apex, velvety-black. Rostrum very stout, coarsely punctate to the tip. Antennal scape very little longer than the funiculus. Prothorax slightly longer than broad, subcylindrical, constricted just beyond the middle and at the apex, and obliquely narrowed at the base, the base itself subtruncate; closely impressed with coarse umbilicate punctures. Elytra very little longer than the prothorax, the interstices 3, 5, and 7 here and there somewhat convex, the scattered punctures on all of them conspicuous and the cinereous incrustation surrounding some of them also raised.

Length $5-6\frac{1}{5}$, breadth $1\frac{3}{4}-2\frac{1}{5}$ millim. (? ♀.)

Hab. MEXICO, Cuernavaca in Morelos (*Deam, in U.S. Nat. Mus.*).

Two specimens. Readily distinguishable from the southern *R. nigrosignatus* by the basally narrowed prothorax, the prothorax itself coarsely umbilicate-punctate, and the relatively shorter and more uneven elytra. The first ventral segment is unimpressed.

23. *Rhodobænus brevirostris*, sp. n. (Tab. VI. figg. 24, 24 a, ♂.)

Elongate, subfusiform, opaque above, black, sometimes variegated with ferruginous (the ♀ ferruginous above, with the prothorax nigro-trivittate and the elytra each with an indeterminate black patch on the disc before the middle); pruinose, the scattered punctures each surrounded by a larger or smaller, rounded, cinereous or yellowish-cinereous spot. Rostrum stout, feebly curved, in the ♂ very little more than half the length of the prothorax, slightly longer in the ♀, sparsely punctate, smooth and shining at the tip, unarmed at the apex beneath, the widened basal portion more closely punctured and narrowly sulcate. Antennal scape about as long as the funiculus. Prothorax a little longer than broad, subconical, bisinuate at the base, transversely excavate on the disc posteriorly, sparsely punctate. Scutellum elongate-triangular. Elytra oblong, considerably wider than the prothorax, finely punctate-striate, the punctures of the striæ each indicated by a minute cinereous dot, the interstices each with a scattered row of punctures surrounded by a larger cinereous spot. Pygidium conical, sparsely punctate, setulose. Ventral excavation of the ♂ long and deep, extending the whole length of first segment. Femora fringed with rather long hairs beneath.

Length $9-11\frac{1}{2}$, breadth $3-3\frac{1}{10}$ millim. (♂ ♀.)

Hab. MEXICO, Xautipa in Guerrero (*H. H. Smith: ♀*); GUATEMALA, Volcan de Atitlan and San Isidro, Pacific slope (*Champion: ♂*).

Two males and one female, the latter partly ferruginous above. Near *R. adspersus*, but relatively narrower, and with a comparatively short unarmed rostrum in both sexes and a more elongate prothorax. The excavate disc of the latter separates *R. brevirostris* from *R. nigrolineatus*, and the short rostrum from *R. andreae*.

24. *Rhodobænus veræpaci*, sp. n. (Tab. VI. figg. 25, 25 a, ♂.)

♂. Elongate, subfusiform, opaque above, black indeterminately mottled with rufo-piceous, the elytra each with a triangular black patch on the inner part of the disc before the middle; pruinose, the scattered punctures of the surface each surrounded by a small cinereous dot. Rostrum feebly curved, stout, very little more than half the length of the prothorax, sparsely punctate, unarmed at the apex beneath, the widened basal portion narrowly sulcate, the antennal scape nearly reaching the tip and about as long as the funiculus. Prothorax subconical, longer than broad, feebly bisinuate at the base, transversely excavate on the disc posteriorly, sparsely, finely punctate. Scutellum elongate-triangular. Elytra oblong, much wider than the prothorax, finely punctate-striate, the interstices each with a row of