

1. *Sphenophorus aterrimus*, sp. n.

Oblong-oval, rather broad, robust, opaque and glabrous above, black. Rostrum a little shorter than the prothorax, moderately stout, feebly curved and deflexed from the short narrowly sulcate basal portion, the latter arcuately swollen above the points of insertion of the antennæ and (as seen in profile) toothed on each side beneath in front of the eyes; somewhat coarsely punctate, becoming smoother towards the tip; the peduncle of the submentum compressed and rectangular in front in the ♀. Prothorax a little broader than long, arcuately narrowing from about the middle, feebly constricted in front, bisinuate at the base; sparsely, finely punctate, the interspaces alutaceous. Scutellum oblong-triangular, hollowed down the middle anteriorly. Elytra much wider than the prothorax, narrowing from the broadly rounded humeri, obtuse at the apex, the disc with one or two faint transverse depressions towards the sides; very finely punctate-striate, the seventh and eighth striae obsolete for some distance below the shoulder, the interstices broad, flat, alutaceous, each with one or two rows of minute punctures down the middle. Pygidium coarsely punctate. Beneath rather coarsely, closely punctate; ventral excavation of the ♂ broad, extending forwards to about the middle of the metasternum. Femora fringed with long, the tibiae and coxæ with shorter, hairs, the tibiae almost straight on their outer edge and unarmed at the apex within. Third tarsal joint very large, spongy-pubescent beneath, except along a narrow median line.

Length $14\frac{1}{2}$ –15, breadth $5\frac{4}{5}$ –6 millim. (♂ ♀.)

Hab. MEXICO (*Sallé, Truqui*).

One pair. A large, robust, deep black, bare, opaque form, with the third tarsal joint of each foot broad and spongy-pubescent beneath, the tibiae unarmed at the apex within and almost straight on their outer edge. The oblique plica limiting the scrobes posteriorly appears dentiform when the rostrum is viewed in profile. This species approaches the European *S. piceus*, but differs from it in the opaque upper surface, the abruptly bowed, shorter rostrum, the more distinctly sinuate base of the prothorax and elytra, the faintly punctured interstices of the latter, and the greatly developed third tarsal joint.

2. *Sphenophorus mundus*, sp. n.

Subfusiform, rather broad, black, opaque and somewhat flattened above, faintly pruinose. Head coarsely, sparsely, irregularly punctate in front, foveate and transversely grooved between the eyes; rostrum barely as long as the prothorax, abruptly bowed from the short, broad, irregularly punctate basal portion, the apical portion subcylindrical, rather slender, almost smooth. Prothorax about as long as broad, obliquely narrowing from a little beyond the middle, feebly constricted in front; punctured along the sides, base, and apex, the disc arcuately depressed posteriorly and almost impunctate. Scutellum triangular, flattened. Elytra moderately long, considerably wider than the prothorax; finely striate, the striae with closely placed rather coarse oval punctures, which become rounded towards the sides, the interstices flat and almost smooth. Pygidium coarsely, closely punctate. Beneath sparsely punctured, the punctures becoming coarse towards the sides. Femora sparsely ciliate beneath, the tibiae fringed with extremely short hairs, the latter almost straight on their outer edge. Tarsi with the third joint broad, spongy-pubescent beneath.

Length $11\frac{1}{2}$, breadth $4\frac{1}{5}$ millim. (♀.)

Hab. MEXICO, "Sierra de Durango" (*Höge*).

One specimen, recently presented to us by Signor A. Solari. Smaller and more depressed than *S. aterrimus*, the prothorax arcuately excavate in the middle towards the base and with the disc almost impunctate, the elytral striae each with a row of