

Antennæ serrate from the fifth joint outwards, the penultimate joints transverse, the four basal joints pale. Thorax evidently transverse, the sides rounded in front, the punctuation obscured by the pubescence. Elytra covered with grey pubescence, immaculate. Hind femur almost unarmed, there being only an extremely minute tooth; tibia with a very slender, short, apical mucro.

The individuals of this species are smaller than those of any other species of *Bruchus* known to me. Its characters bring it near to *B. apicalis*, but it is very different from that species by its less elongate wing-cases, which are unicolorous; it has, moreover, the fourth joint of the antennæ smaller. It is still more similar to *B. pedicularius*, but is quite distinct therefrom by the different armature of the hind femora and tibiæ, as well as by the dilute colour of the base of the antennæ. I do not see any sexual distinctions among the six examples obtained of the species. The terminal ventral ring is extremely abbreviate.

I am rather doubtful whether the unique exponent from Guanajuato belongs really to this species, as it is larger than any of the individuals obtained in Guatemala, and has the legs entirely black.

### 91. *Bruchus brevipes*. (Tab. XXVI. fig. 14.)

Minimus, brevis, niger, griseo vestitus; antennarum basi pedibusque rufis, femoribus posterioribus ex parte majore nigris; antennis brevibus, subclavatis; prothorace fortiter transverso; femoribus posterioribus dente minutissimo armatis.

Long.  $1\frac{1}{4}$  millim.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA, near the city, Zapote (*Champion*).

Antennæ with the intermediate joints quite small; joints 7–10 strongly transverse. Front and middle legs entirely red; hind femora black, with the apex broadly red; tibia with an excessively short apical mucro.

This minute insect greatly resembles *B. pusillimus*, but is readily distinguished from that species by the colour of the legs, and the two actually differ in several other respects. No other species amongst the near allies has the antennæ so short and clavate as they are in *B. brevipes*; joints 7–11 form an almost abrupt club of about the same length as the more slender six basal joints.

### 92. *Bruchus flavicornis*.

Minimus, niger, dense griseo vestitus; antennis pedibusque læte rufo-testaceis, his parum latis, intus subserratis; femoribus posterioribus muticis.

Long.  $1\frac{2}{3}$  millim.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Guanajuato (*Sallé*).

Antennæ clear yellow, the four basal joints slender, the fifth about as long as broad, the penultimate joints evidently transverse. Thorax transverse, with the sides much rounded in front. Elytra evidently striate.