

shade than that of the thorax, the sutural and lateral margins black (the former broadly, but narrowed near the apex), a broad black stripe on the disk of each elytron runs parallel with the suture, but is abbreviated near the base and apex; another much shorter stripe is placed near the lateral margin, commencing from the base and extending to about half the length of the elytra, where it finishes in a point; underside and thighs light fulvous, thinly pubescent, inflexed lateral margin of the elytra and the tibiae and tarsi black; prosternum narrowed at the base, slightly longer than broad, and deeply bidentate at its posterior margin.

*Var.* Dark fulvous; the thorax without spots.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Playa Vicente (*Sallé*); GUATEMALA, Yzabal (*Sallé*).

This handsome species cannot be confounded with any of the first or second groups of Suffrian, to which it is somewhat allied in the colour and markings of its elytra; in the present species these marks run straight and contrary to the oblique punctured striae which they cut; the latter also are much finer than in *C. ornatus*, Fabr., and its allies.

### 10. *Cryptocephalus plagiatus*.

*Cryptocephalus plagiatus*, Suffr. Monogr. vii. p. 8<sup>1</sup>.

Black, the interrupted anterior and lateral margins, as well as two spots of the thorax and eight spots of the elytra (3, 2, 2, 1), yellow; below black and yellow.

Length  $1\frac{5}{8}$  line.

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>1</sup>, Cuernavaca (*Sallé*); GUATEMALA, Calderas (*Champion*).

Only a single specimen has been received from Guatemala, which does not quite agree with Suffrian's type either in sculpturing or shape of the elytral spots; the antennae also are entirely black, with the exception of the first two joints; but as this species is no doubt as variable as many others, further material is necessary to come to a conclusion. Another specimen, from the collection of Mr. Sallé, is smaller, and the spots are surrounded by narrow and deep black rings. I have examined the type in the Berlin Museum.

### 11. *Cryptocephalus patheticus*.

*Cryptocephalus patheticus*, Suffr. Monogr. vii. p. 10<sup>1</sup>.

Above yellow, the margins of the thorax lighter; elytra black, with eight partly united yellow spots (3, 2, 2, 1). Length  $1\frac{1}{2}$  line.

*Hab.* MEXICO<sup>1</sup>, Oaxaca (*Sallé*); GUATEMALA, Dueñas, Calderas (*Champion*).

It is not without doubt that I refer the specimens received from Guatemala to this species. Suffrian has described his from a single specimen; and there is nothing except the colour of the thorax to distinguish it from *C. plagiatus*; the spots of the elytra are here as variable as in other species; and not even the punctuation of the latter is constant. In some specimens the elytra are black, with no other spots than those along the lateral margin; the thorax, however, is in no specimen yellow, as Suffrian describes it, but rufous or dark fulvous, which is also the case with a specimen in Dr. Baly's collection and marked "type."