

8. **Scolochrus errans.** (Tab. III. fig. 25.)

*Scolochrus errans*, Suffr. Monogr. vii. p. 120<sup>1</sup>.

*Hab.* MEXICO (*Baly*), Yucatan<sup>1</sup>.

This is another somewhat doubtful species, described by Suffrian from a single female specimen. The one figured is taken from the collection of Mr. Baly, and does not quite agree with the typical description, inasmuch as the lateral margin of the thorax is broadly black. More specimens are required in order to come to a conclusion as to the specific value of Suffrian's type.

9. **Scolochrus decoratus.** (Tab. III. fig. 23.)

*Scolochrus decoratus*, Sturm, Cat. p. 303 (1843); Suffr. Monogr. vii. p. 124<sup>2</sup>.

Var. *Scolochrus larvatus*, Newm. Ann. Nat. Hist. ser. 2, iv. p. 250<sup>1</sup> (1840); Suffr. Monogr. xii. p. 390.

*Scolochrus spadiceus*, Suffr. Monogr. vii. p. 131<sup>2</sup>.

Below black, sides of the abdomen and the legs yellow, above yellow; thorax with two black lateral broad bands; elytra regularly punctate-striate, yellow, the base, a sutural spot below the scutellum, and a transverse band below the middle black.

Var. *a.*

The black bands of the thorax abbreviated posteriorly; elytra with a spot at the shoulder, another near the scutellum, and a third one near the apex black.

Var. *b.*

Thorax with two small black spots; each elytron with one black shoulder-spot, and another near the apex. (*S. larvatus*.)

Var. *c.*

The elytral bands broken up into spots.

*Hab.* NORTH AMERICA, Florida<sup>1</sup>.—MEXICO, Oaxaca<sup>2</sup>, Cordova, Tuxtla, Tehuantepec, Vera Cruz (*Sallé*).

Besides the above varieties, several others have been described by Suffrian. This author describes at length *S. larvatus*, Newm., and compares it with *S. equestris*, Fabr., from which it is no doubt well distinguished; but I am not able to find any important difference between it and *S. decoratus*, var. *b*. In the collection of Mr. Baly I find a specimen labelled *S. larvatus*, and marked "named by Suffrian;" so that I must consider this as good as the type itself, with which, according to the description, it certainly agrees well enough; but I have no doubt whatever that the species is but a variety of *S. decoratus*, of which the intermediate forms are before me. From others the present species may be recognized, amongst other characters, by the posterior extreme lateral margin, which is brown or black, the anterior part remaining of the ground-colour, and which is constant in all the specimens I have examined.

The figure on our Plate is from a Mexican specimen. The Berlin specimens have been kindly lent me by Dr. Peters—also Suffrian's type of *S. spadiceus*, in which I can