

darker than above, finely punctured, and covered with long greyish pubescence; the intromittent organ of the male deeply bifurcate at the apex.

Hab. MEXICO, Pinos Altos in Chihuahua (*Buchan-Hepburn*), Hacienda de San Miguelito (*Dr. Palmer*), Guanajuato (*Sallé*), Morelia in Michoacan (*Höge*).

An aberrant species, differing from its allies by the ungrooved thorax in connection with the rugosely sculptured upper surface. Some examples are of a more bluish colour and less strongly rugose. The description is taken from *Dr. Palmer's* specimens.

33. *Haltica sublævipennis*.

Fulvous, the terminal joints of the antennæ and the breast and abdomen black; thorax with the basal sulcus distinct only at the sides; elytra violaceous-blue, entirely impunctate.

Length 2 lines.

Of posteriorly widened shape; head impunctate, the middle of the vertex longitudinally raised, the frontal elevations very distinct; antennæ slender and filiform, extending nearly to the end of the elytra, the lower four joints fulvous, the rest black, the second and the following two joints gradually becoming more elongate; thorax twice as broad as long, the sides rounded at the middle, with a narrow margin, the base with a very obsolete depression at the sides and another at the middle, the surface entirely impunctate, fulvous; scutellum large, black; elytra dark violaceous, extremely finely and not closely punctured, the punctures only visible under a strong lens; breast and abdomen black, the legs fulvous.

Hab. MEXICO, Coscomatepec (*Sallé*).

This species deviates considerably from the typical members of the genus, not only in coloration, but in having very long antennæ and an impunctate, scarcely sulcate thorax. The specimens received are apparently all females. Labelled *Diphaulaca bicolor*, Chevr., in the *Sallé* collection.

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Syphrea pretiosa (p. 302).

To the localities given, add:—MEXICO, Ventanas in Durango (*Höge*), Chilpancingo in Guerrero (*H. H. Smith*).

The Mexican specimens differ from the type in having entirely fulvous legs.

2. *Syphrea angustata*.

Elongate, subcylindrical, piceous or blackish, the head, the basal joints of the antennæ, and the thorax fulvous; elytra nearly parallel, metallic blue, very finely and closely punctured.

Length 2–2½ lines.

Hab. MEXICO, Monclova in Coahuila (*Dr. Palmer*), Acapulco, Matamoros Izucar, Jalapa (*Höge*).

S. angustata differs considerably in shape from *S. pretiosa*, but possesses all its structural characters and also a similar system of coloration; the antennæ, however, are more robust and have either the first or the basal three joints fulvous; the thorax is much less transverse, more elongate, and entirely impunctate; and the elytra are not