

OMOPLATA.

Omoplata, Hope, Col. Man. iii. p. 159 (1840); Boheman, Monogr. Cassid. ii. p. 101.

A Tropical-American genus containing about forty-five described species. Of the four *Omoplatae* already recorded from within our limits, the three from Mexico (the types of which I have not seen) almost certainly belong to *Physonota*; one of these latter, *O. calcarata*, was, I have no doubt, subsequently redescribed by Boheman under *Physonota*, and it is here placed under that genus. Two species of *Omoplata*, however, occur in the southern parts of our region, one, *O. quadristillata*, Boh., being very like *Mesomphalia lebasi*, Boh., an insect inhabiting the same districts, the other, *O. tersa*, Boh., ranging from Brazil to the State of Panama.

1. ***Omoplata tersa*.** (Tab. VII. fig. 24, ♂.)

Omoplata tersa, Boh. Monogr. Cassid. ii. p. 106¹, and iv. p. 222²; Cat. Col. Ins. Brit. Mus. ix. p. 87³.

Hab. PANAMA, Bugaba (*Champion*).—BRAZIL¹⁻³.

Five specimens from the State of Panama, agreeing with others from Brazil, and also with Boheman's description.

2. ***Omoplata quadristillata*.** (Tab. VII. fig. 25, ♂.)

Omoplata quadristillata, Boh. Monogr. Cassid. iv. p. 226¹.

Hab. NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Belt, Janson*); COSTA RICA (*Wagner, in Mus. Berol.*¹; *Van Patten*).

I have seen six specimens of this species. Boheman described a female; the male has, as usual, sharper and more prominent humeri. A male from Chontales is figured.

3. ***Omoplata albiventris*.**

Omoplata albiventris, Boh. Monogr. Cassid. ii. p. 136¹, and iv. p. 225²; Cat. Col. Ins. Brit. Mus. ix. p. 90³.

“Subrotundata, minus convexa, subnitida, flavo-testacea; abdomine pallide flavo; prothorace supra sat crebre punctulato, medio lineola brevi, obsoleta, brunnea notato, lateribus postice utrinque citius rotundato; elytris confertim, parum profunde punctatis, pone medium macula parva, obsoleta, dilute fusca; margine hyalino; humeris parum prominulis, antice subtruncatis.—Long. 10, lat. 9 millim.”

Hab. MEXICO¹⁻³.

Boheman¹ compares this species with his “*O. maculiventris*”: the only species of Cassididæ described by him under this specific name is a Mexican *Physonota*. Apart from other characters, the genus *Omoplata* may be known from *Physonota* by the appendiculate claws.

4. ***Omoplata maculicollis*.**

Omoplata maculicollis, Boh. Monogr. Cassid. ii. p. 137¹, and iv. p. 225²; Cat. Col. Ins. Brit. Mus. ix. p. 90³.