

“Subtriangularis, convexa, nitida, supra dilute, sordide testacea, subtus nigra; antennis basi et extrorsum verticeque transversim, nigris; prothorace subtiliter, crebre punctulato, medio linea abbreviata, macula parva transversa utrinque, arcu postico scutelloque nigris; elytris remote, inæqualiter punctulatis; humeris antrorsum modice prominulis, leviter rotundatis; tibiis apice extus obtuse calcaratis.—Long. 12, lat. 10 millim.”

Hab. MEXICO ¹⁻³.

Unknown to me. Boheman ¹ states that this species is similar in size and form to the South-American *O. marginata* (Linn.) (♀), the type of the genus; but he gives the hind angles of the prothorax as rounded and the apex rotundate, characters quite foreign to *Omoplata*. To judge from the description, *O. maculicollis* appears to be a near ally of *Physonota calcarata*, Boh.

OMASPIDES.

Omaspides (Chevrolat), Dej. Cat. 3rd edit. p. 395 (1837); Hope, Col. Man. iii. p. 158 (1840); Boheman, Monogr. Cassid. ii. p. 144.

A genus of similar distribution to *Omoplata*, but with fewer species, twelve only having been described. One of these is from the State of Panama.

1. *Omaspides bistrata*. (Tab. VIII. fig. 1.)

Omaspides bistrata, Boh. Monogr. Cassid. iv. p. 228¹.

Hab. PANAMA, Chiriqui (*Trötsch*), Veragua (*coll. Baly*¹).

The type is figured.

2. *Prothorax more or less rounded and projecting beyond the head in front* (*emarginate in some species of Batonota and Hybosa*).

To this group also belong the Eastern genera *Basipta*, *Aspidomorpha*, and *Laccoptera*, and the Antillean genus *Asteriza*.

a. *Claws simple or angularly dilated at the base.*

(*cf. p. 222*)

BATONOTA.

Batonota, Hope, Ann. Nat. Hist. iii. p. 98, t. 4. fig. 6 (1839); Boheman, Monogr. Cassid. ii. p. 153.

Forty-five species of this remarkable genus have been described, all American, ranging from the Mexican State of Durango to the Argentine Republic.

i. *Elytra with a very long, erect, obtuse spine before the middle.*

1. *Batonota aurita*. (Tab. VIII. figg. 2; 2 a, profile; 2 b, antenna.)

Batonota aurita, Boh. Monogr. Cassid. iv. p. 237¹.

Hab. MEXICO, Ventanas in Durango, Acapulco (*Höge*), Rio Papagaio in Guerrero (*H. H. Smith*), Puebla (*Sallé*); NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Janson*); COSTA RICA (*Wagner*, in *Mus. Berol.*¹).