

12. **Coptocycla wesmaeli.** (Tab. X. figg. 6; 7, var.; 8, var. *puerilis*.)

Coptocycla wesmaeli, Boh. Monogr. Cassid. iii. p. 202¹, and iv. p. 421²; Cat. Col. Ins. Brit. Mus. ix. p. 169³.

Hab. MEXICO¹⁻³, Cordova (*Sallé*), Atoyac (*H. H. Smith*), Misantla, Cerro de Plumas, Tapachula (*Höge*); GUATEMALA, Purula, Panima, and Chacoj in Vera Paz, Zapote (*Champion*).

Var. α . The elytra with the disc almost to its outer limit black, stained with ferruginous before the apex, and sometimes indeterminately ferruginous towards the base.

Coptocycla wesmaeli, var. *a*, Boh. Monogr. Cassid. iv. p. 421⁴.

Coptocycla scutigerula, Boh. loc. cit. p. 424⁵.

Hab. MEXICO⁴, Cordova (*Sallé*), Cerro de Plumas (*Höge*); GUATEMALA (*Scherzer*, in coll. *Baly*⁵).

Var. β . The elytra as in α , but with a small oblong spot on the suture a little below the base, and a common transverse lunate mark about the middle, yellow. (Fig. 7.)

Hab. MEXICO, Cerro de Plumas (*Höge*).

Var. γ . The elytra with the disc castaneous, with a transverse sutural patch before the middle, and the sides anteriorly, piceous.

Coptocycla puerilis, var. *b*, Boh. Monogr. Cassid. iv. p. 447⁶.

Hab. MEXICO, Playa Vicente (*Sallé*⁶).

Var. δ . The transverse patch at the base of the prothorax smaller than in the type, and emarginate on either side in front, sometimes obsolete; the black oblong annulus on the elytra almost obliterated, represented by a slender longitudinal streak on the outer part of the disc, which only extends to about the middle; the ante-median sutural spot reduced in size, and sometimes divided at the suture. (Fig. 8.)

Coptocycla puerilis, Boh. Monogr. Cassid. iv. p. 447⁷.

Hab. MEXICO, Playa Vicente, Cordova, San Andres Tuxtla (*Sallé*), Atoyac in Vera Cruz (*H. H. Smith*), Cerro de Plumas, Tapachula (*Höge*); GUATEMALA (coll. *Baly*⁷), Panima in Vera Paz (*Champion*).

Var. ϵ . The elytra as in δ , but with the sutural spot obsolete.

Coptocycla puerilis, var. *a*, Boh. loc. cit.⁸

Hab. GUATEMALA (coll. *Baly*⁸).

This variable species has been described under three different names by Boheman, *C. wesmaeli* and *C. scutigerula* being separated from *C. puerilis* by more than one hundred species in his monograph. The types of all three forms are before me, and they certainly belong to one and the same species. *C. wesmaeli*, var. *a*, Boh., and *C. scutigerula* do not differ in any way from each other; *C. puerilis* has the black annulus in great part obliterated. Some specimens from Misantla and Tapachula are perfectly intermediate between *C. wesmaeli* and *C. puerilis*, the annulus being distinctly outlined, but faint, on the apical half of the elytra. The third joint of the antennæ is elongate.