

but rounded and with about seven denticules on each. The legs are pitchy-red, the knees and the tips of the tibiæ and tarsi blackish, and very long in both sexes. The antennæ are black, the apical five joints opaque, these latter forming an elongate and not very wide club.

This insect is labelled "*Languria ænea*, Chevr. (*ahena*, Sturm)," in Sallé's collection, but is generically distinct from the types of those species. From *D. buprestoides* it is to be distinguished by the darker brassy-black colour, the rounded tips of the elytra, and the punctuation of the head and thorax. The punctuation of the elytra in this and other species is a variable and uncertain character.

Five specimens.

6. *Dasydactylus chalceus*.

Trapezidera chalcea, Crotch, Cist. Ent. i. p. 393¹.

Niger, subtus cum pedibus picescens; capite prothoraceque minute disperse punctatis, fere lævibus, his æneomicantibus; elytris perobsolete punctato-striatis, interstitiis crebre punctulatis, apicibus rotundatis et minute denticulatis; prosterno truncato. Long. 11–15 millim. ♂.

Mas femoribus anticis et intermediis intus asperatis; tarsis fulvo-pilosellis.

Hab. MEXICO¹, Toxpam; GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo, San Juan in Vera Paz (*Champion*).

The diagnosis is taken from the type in the Cambridge Museum. The essential character by which this species differs from that here described under the name of *D. puncticeps* is the nearly smooth head. Crotch did not notice the roughening of the femora, not having seen females; the single specimen in his collection is a male of the larger size, and with it I associate three other examples.

7. *Dasydactylus nitidus*.

Nigro-subæneus, nitidus, pedibus nigro-piceis, antennis tarsisque nigris; capite crebre, prothorace obsoletius, punctatis; elytris creberrime substriatim punctatis, apicibus lævigatis, rotundatis, et leviter denticulatis; prosterno apice truncato. Long. 10–12 millim. ♂ ♀.

Mas prothorace convexiore, basi latiore; pedibus anticis longioribus, femoribus subtilissime asperatis, tarsis valde hirtulis.

Hab. MEXICO, Cordova, Jalapa, Tapachula in Chiapas (*Höge*).

This species is very close to *D. puncticeps*, and separated from it chiefly on the following grounds:—the antennæ are not so long, and have the third to the sixth joints very evidently shorter; the legs, especially the middle and hind pairs, also shorter. *D. nitidus* is also a rather smaller insect; and has the thorax less widened at the base, and the femora less distinctly rough in the males.

8. *Dasydactylus puncticollis*.

D. nitidi summa affinitate, nigro-æneus, nitidus, subtus cum pedibus piceus, antennis tarsisque nigris; capite prothoraceque crebre sat fortiter punctatis; elytris distinctius punctato-striatis, apicibus sublævigatis et vix denticulatis; prosterno apice truncato. Long. 10–12 millim. ♂.