

*Mas* prothorace convexo, antice angustato; pedibus anticis longis, femoribus intus asperatis, tarsis valde hirtulis.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Cordova (*Sallé*).

Brassy above, the body beneath pitchy-black, the legs pitchy red; antennæ bluish-black, the club (as in other species where no difference is specially mentioned) five-jointed and duller than the basal joints, the seventh or first club-joint being much narrower than those following and less pubescent. Head rather sparingly, the thorax thickly and distinctly, punctured; scutellum transverse. Elytra rather more distinctly punctate-striate than in *D. nitidus*; the sutural stria impressed more deeply at the apex, but the apex itself is not so acuminate as in *D. nitidus*. Prosternum rather broad, arcuate, its apex truncate but depressed.

Three males from *Sallé*'s collection are all I have yet seen.

#### Section B. *Processu prosternali apice exciso.*

### 9. *Dasydactylus thoracicus.*

Niger, supra aeneo-micans, subtus cum pedibus piceus, his geniculis tarsisque nigris; capite prothorace subtilissime parce punctulatis, fere glabris; elytris basi quam prothorax haud latioribus, ad apicem valde angustatis, apicibus truncatis et denticulatis; prosterno leviter emarginato. Long. 10 millim. ♂.

*Mas* prothorace quam elytrorum basis latiore, convexo; pedibus longis, femoribus anticis et intermediis intus asperatis.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Toxpam, Cordova (*Sallé*).

This species is distinguished among its very near allies by its rather short and convex thorax being as wide as the base of the elytra in the male; by the elytra being rather distinctly punctate-striate, with the interstices sparingly but serially punctured, and their apices obliquely truncate; and by the prosternal process being arcuate and excised at the apex (but not deeply), the margin being reflexed at the angles. In one example there is what appears to be a stridulating file on the crown of the head, and this might cause it to be referred to Crotch's genus *Goniolanguria*. This is not, however, to be seen in other males; and in other characters, as the structure of the legs and tarsi, the absence of the asymmetrical gena, &c., it diverges from the type of that genus, which has been but imperfectly characterized by Crotch.

This insect perhaps comes nearest to *D. punctisternum*; it is also closely allied to *D. hondoensis*, though larger and blacker.

### 10. *Dasydactylus punctisternum.*

Niger, cæruleo-micans; capite prothoraceque subtilissime minute punctatis, fere glabris; elytris obsolete punctulatis, apicibus rotundatis et vix denticulatis; prosterno transversim rugoso, processu intercoxali rugoso-punctato. Long. 9-11 millim. ♂ ♀.

*Mas* prothorace latiore et convexiore; pedibus anticis et intermediis longis, femoribus tibiisque interne asperatis.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Playa Vicente, Teapa in Tabasco (*Höge, Sallé*).