

Subfam. *TRIPLACIDES*.

PSELAPHACUS.

Pselaphacus, Percheron, Gen. Ins. fasc. 4, no. 6 (1835); Lacordaire, Monogr. Erotyl. p. 73 (1842); Crotch, Cist. Ent. i. p. 141 (1873).

A genus widely distributed in tropical South America, and fairly represented in Mexico and Central America, but not passing into the United States so far as is at present known.

1. *Pselaphacus conspersus*. (Tab. II. fig. 10.)

P. nigropunctato proxime affinis, niger, nitidus; prothorace brevi, supra castaneo-rufo, margine antico, basi, limbo laterali, vitta mediana (postice abbreviata), maculis sex majoribus punctisque nonnullis, nigris; elytris castaneo-rufis, basi, fascia irregulari (marginem haud attingente), epipleuris, macula versus apicem punctisque numerosis, nigris. Long. 18–20 millim.

Hab. PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui (*Trötsch*).

Very closely allied to *P. nigropunctatus*. The black markings of the thorax are very similar to those of *P. ducalis*; the elytral markings are, however, different, the black punctures in *P. conspersus* being wholly irregular (in *P. ducalis* they are arranged in four series) and more numerous, and often confluent, and the fascia being more developed, with a posterior additional spot. Probably several of the species of this group will be ultimately treated as varieties of *P. nigropunctatus*. At present the Chiriqui insect could not be united with any of them, without the admission that these were themselves but varieties of one or more species.

2. *Pselaphacus pæcilosomus*. (Tab. II. fig. 4.)

Pselaphacus pæcilosomus, Lac. Monogr. Erotyl. p. 77¹; Crotch, Cist. Ent. i. p. 419².

Pselaphacus hopei, Guérin, Icon. Règne Anim., Ins. p. 309³.

Hab. PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui (*Champion*).—COLOMBIA^{1 2 3}, Bogota; ECUADOR².

The specimen figured is from the Volcan de Chiriqui.

3. *Pselaphacus curvipes*. (Tab. II. figg. 5, 6.)

Pselaphacus curvipes, Guérin, Rev. Zool. 1841, p. 157¹; Lac. Monogr. Erotyl. p. 81².

Pselaphacus gracilipes, Lac. Monogr. Erotyl. p. 82³.

Pselaphacus distortus, Crotch, Cist. Ent. i. p. 142, var.⁴

Hab. MEXICO⁴, Toxpam (*Sallé*); NICARAGUA⁴, Chontales (*Belt, Janson*); PANAMA, Bugaba, Volcan de Chiriqui, La Caldera (*Champion*).—SOUTH AMERICA, Bolivia^{1 2}, Amazons³.

I am unable to recognize as distinct the species described by Crotch under the name *P. distortus*. Some specimens from Mexico and Nicaragua are intermediate in