

though very finely, punctate; they are entirely deep black, but the trophi, prosternum, and antennæ (excepting the last four joints) are red. The elytra are brick-red, obsoletely punctate-striate, with rather less than the apical third black; and on each elytron near the base is a trace of a small round obliterated dot. The underside is smooth, the sides of the breast and episterna obsoletely punctate. Legs rusty-red, rather lighter in colour than the body. The maxillary palpi have the apical joint widely dilated. Abdominal lines distinct, traversing the basal segment, the metasternal ones short.

Two specimens.

### 55. *Mycotretus cercyonoides*.

Oblongo-ovatus, rufus, nitidus; elytris læte sanguineis, margine laterali et apice nigris, leviter punctato-striatis; prothorace nigro vel nigrescente, antice rufescente; antennis articulis quinque apicalibus nigris. Long. 4 millim.

*Hab.* PANAMA, David (*Champion*).

Head deep blood-red, clouded with black at the base; palpi, base of the antennæ, and legs also clear red. Thorax black above, with a wedge-shaped spot extending from the front margin to the middle; in one example the whole front is blood-red; its punctuation is sparse but distinct. Elytra red, the entire lateral margin (in two specimens) broadly black, with the apex more broadly so; in two other specimens only the apex is black, the black extending a little up the sides. The maxillary palpi have their terminal joint only moderately widened. This is a very convex species, difficult to place. I think the variation in colour may possibly be a sexual distinction.

### 56. *Mycotretus brevis*.

Breviter oblongo-ovatus, rufo-ferrugineus, convexus, capite et prothorace crebre fortius punctatis; elytris punctulato-striatis, interstitiis minute punctatis, singulis punctis tribus fuscis, fere oblitteratis, uno in callo humerali, uno laterali, uno cum eis triangulum præbente. Long.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  millim.

*Hab.* PANAMA, Bugaba (*Champion*).

Above bright chestnut-red, almost sanguineous; underneath with the legs and mouth paler. Of a uniform short oval form. Thorax at the base twice as wide as long, with a few indistinct cloudy marks on the disc. The elytra with rather flat interstices; the spots very indistinct, the discal one between the fourth and fifth striæ, the humeral one almost obliterated; the punctures in the striæ not very close. The apical joint of the maxillary palpi is very little more dilated than that of the labial palpi. Abdominal and metasternal lines evident. This little insect is unfortunately unique; it may probably vary in the distinctness of the three spots. It is shorter than any species of *Mycotretus* known to me with the palpi so little dilated, and has much the form of *Tritoma*. The tarsi are faintly fuscous.