

The Bugaba examples, of which there are about a dozen, have the dark markings of a pitchy-red colour.

HYPERASPIS.

Hyperaspis, Chevrolat, in D'Orbigny's Dict. univ. d'Hist. Nat. vi. p. 780 (1849); Redtenbacher, Germar's Zeitschr. v. p. 122; Mulsant, Spec. Col. Trim. sécur. p. 649; Chapuis, Gen. Col. xii. p. 229; Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 213.

Cleothera, Mulsant, Spec. Col. Trim. sécur. p. 541.

Hinda, Mulsant, loc. cit. p. 518.

Hyperaspis differs from *Brachyacantha* in having the front tibiæ unarmed; in some species the front tibiæ are angularly widened, but they cannot be termed "denticulate." The abdomen in the male is impressed and fossulate in some species, while in others it appears not to be so.

A very large number of species must be referred to the genus—the typical species (*H. reppensis*) and a few others are European, a few are Asiatic or African, but by far the larger number of those described are from America, where the genus has an extensive range, from Lake Superior to Brazil. About 168 species have been described. I have seen no species from the far East or from Australia which can properly be referred to this genus, but in Africa it appears to be distributed over the whole continent. The species are generally of small size.

Section A. *Front tibiæ externally compressed, and with a foliate expanded edge and an angular projection before the apex. ♂ with the abdomen impressed.*

1. *Hyperaspis cercyonoides*. (Tab. X. figg. 21, 22.)

Oblongo-ovata, picea, nitida; creberrime, minute, distincte punctata; capite, prothorace (basi prætermisso), pedibus elytrorumque marginibus flavo-testaceis; prothoracis basi, elytrorum disco nigris. Long. 3-4 millim.

Var. *α*. Elytrorum disco sanguineo, singulis plagia nigra sæpe ante apicem confluenta.

Var. *β*. Elytris disco sanguineo, flavo-marginatis, juxta callo humerali fusco-maculatis.

Hab. PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui 2500 to 6000 feet (*Champion*).

Head and thorax yellow or blood-red, the base of the latter having a black transverse patch, which is indeterminate in front, shading off there into red, or sometimes divided almost to its base by a red line. Elytra margined with yellow or blood-red, the apex very widely, so as to appear like a spot, their disc very variable in colour—wholly black, or black with a blood-red oblong spot from the base along the suture to the middle, or with this spot occupying all the sutural region and joining the apical yellow margin: in some specimens they are red, with a yellow margin and two or three fuscous dots near the humerus; in others, again, they are entirely rich castaneous-red, with a dark spot near the apex on the suture, or even without any marking or border. The sterna are pitchy-black, the abdomen pitchy.