

obsolete. The legs are pitchy-black at their bases, with yellow tibiæ and tarsi, of which, however, the bilobed apex is blackish.

This is a less convex insect than the preceding species, and has also the elytra more parallel on their sides. In the shortness of the thorax, the short antennæ, stout palpi, and other characters it agrees well with them. In one example from Bugaba the red spot is suffused so as to involve the whole disk of the elytra in a common spot reaching entirely across the wing-cases, but nearly separated at the suture.

**6. *Neaporia argentifrons*.** (Tab. XII. figg. 6; 6  $\alpha$ , maxillary palpus.)

Breviter oblonga, rufo-picea, nitida, tenuiter pubescens; capite prothoraceque viridibus, subtilissime punctatis, hoc transverso, marginibus lateralibus leviter anguste reflexis, illo inter oculos argenteo-albido, vittis duabus nigro-viridibus; scutello elytrisque castaneis, his parcius punctatis. Long. 2.5–3 millim.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Toxpam (*Sallé*).

*Var.* Elytris pone medium et disco usque ad humeros indeterminate viridibus.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA, Zapote (*Champion*).

This species is nearly of the same size and form as *N. metallica*, and, considering the single example from Zapote as a variety, it may probably be a more northerly form of that species, differing mainly in colour. The head has the whole of the front and epistome shining silvery-white, with two posteriorly-abbreviated dark vittæ; and this is so also in the Zapote variety. The thorax has the usual oblique sulcus separating the middle portion which receives the head from the produced front angles. The palpi have the terminal joint blackish.

There are two examples from Toxpam, one of which we figure.

**7. *Neaporia amabilis*.** (Tab. XII. fig. 7.)

Breviter oblonga, rufo-picea, nitidissima, parce profunde punctata; capite nigro-piceo, epistomate palpisque rufo-piceis; prothorace viridi, transverso, angulis anticis valde prominulis, lateribus reflexis, disco parce minute punctato; elytris cupreo-purpureis, parcius punctatis; pedibus rufis. Long. 2 millim.

*Hab.* GUATEMALA, El Tumbador 2500 feet (*Champion*).

The form of this species is very similar to that of *N. metallica* and *N. argentifrons*. The head is more coarsely punctured than in either of them; it is pitchy-black tinged with green, with the mouth and palpi pitchy-red. The thorax has its disk more even, there being less indication of an oblique sulcus, and it is of a dark green; there is no pubescence to be seen on the whole upper surface. The elytra are of a brilliant coppery-purple, inclining to be castaneous; and in this respect *N. amabilis* is somewhat like an example of *N. argentifrons* from Toxpam, but the punctures are much sparser and larger, and it is scarcely half the bulk of the latter. The colour of the elytra probably varies.

Only one specimen has been received.