

owing to its condition, but as a very short black pile is visible it is probably quite normal.

ORTALISTES.

Corpus oblongo-ovatum, valde convexum. Tibiæ simplices. Fossulæ coxales abdominales segmento longitudine æquales, extus apertæ. Antennæ perbreves.

I propose this genus for two species which, apart from the form of the whole insect, do not present any very striking positive characters. The body is rather suggestive of that of *Brachyacantha*; the head is nearly sunk in the thorax; the elytra very obtuse behind, and not covering the apex of the abdomen.

1. *Ortalistes obesus*. (Tab. XII. fig. 15.)

Breviter ovatus, valde convexus, ferrugineus; capite prothoraceque nigris, hoc limbo laterali, illo ore, antennis palpisque rufis, elytris plagia magna communi postica nigra. Omnium subtilissime vix visibiliter punctatis. Long. 3.5 millim.

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

The pubescence of this insect is extremely fine and not easy to see. The mesosternum and a small part of the sterna in front and behind it are blackish, but the scutellum is red. The patch of the elytra occupies two-thirds of their surface, leaving the humeral region from the scutellum obliquely to the middle of the sides, and the apical margin from that point, red. In one specimen this margin unites rather widely with the basal portion, and the whole base for one-third its length is red. The thorax is short, contracted in front, not deeply cut out, more distinctly punctured than the elytra.

Three specimens.

2. *Ortalistes rubidus*.

Quoad formam *Ortalistei obeso* similis; statura paullo minore et colore toto ferrugineo distinguendus. Fere impunctatus, omnium tenuissime et brevissime pubescens. Long. 3.25 millim.

Hab. PANAMA, David (*Champion*).

This insect appears to differ from the last in its rather smaller size, wholly ferruginous colour, and by the thorax being hardly visibly punctate.

Two specimens.

3. *Ortalistes germanus*. (Tab. XII. fig. 16.)

Breviter oblongo-ovalis, convexus, tenuissime pubescens, vix punctatus; capite prothoraceque albis, hoc vitta mediana lata nigra. Long. 2 millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, Cubilguitz, Sinanja, Tamahu, and San Juan in Vera Paz (*Champion*).

Very short, almost orbicular, but the outline is somewhat squarish. The thorax is arcuate, the front angles and sides much depressed, covering the head; the base appears to have a very fine marginal line; the punctuation is excessively fine and close,