

As is usual with very generalized types, *Scymnus* is represented by a large number of species in every part of the globe, often very closely allied to each other even when coming from distant parts. Chapuis has, in the 'Genera des Coléoptères,' very much restricted the group. I should go still further and eliminate from it the Rhizobiides, a subfamily separated by several peculiarities, and not of such universal distribution.

SCYMNUS.

Scymnus, Kugelann, in Schneider's Mag. i. p. 545 (1794).

Scymnus is a genus consisting of a host of small species, distributed in every part of the world, found on trees and on low herbage, living on small Aphides and possibly Coccidæ.

Subgenus DIOMUS, Mulsant.

Coxal fossettes on the first abdominal segment not forming more than a quarter circle.

1. *Scymnus thoracicus*. (Tab. XII. fig. 18.)

Coccinella thoracica, Fabr. Syst. Eleuth. i. p. 378¹.

Scymnus thoracicus, Muls. Spec. Col. Trim. sécur. p. 951²; Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 269³.

Hab. MEXICO, Chihuahua city, Zacualtipan, Jalapa (*Höge*), Chilpancingo in Guerrero (*H. H. Smith*), Toxpam (*Sallé*).—SOUTH AMERICA^{1 2}.

2. *Scymnus panamensis*. (Tab. XII. fig. 19.)

Suborbicularis, niger, nitidus, pubescens; capite, prothorace pedibusque aurantiacis; elytris subænescentibus, subtilissime punctatis. Long 1.75 millim.

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

There are two examples of this, which is a larger, broader, and more pubescent insect than the one referred to *S. volgus*, and the elytra have a distinctly brassy tinge. The body beneath is also wholly black, with the exception of the head (with all the mouth-organs) and the thorax. The genitalia are obtruded in one of the examples and are red. The thorax is three times as wide as long, with rather prominent front angles (in the specimen here referred to *S. volgus* the front margin is nearly straight), the margin being broadly cut out in front. The abdominal coxal fossettes appear to me to be ill defined externally, the internal side reaching almost to the edge of the segment.

3. *Scymnus volgus*?

Scymnus (Polius) volgus, Muls. Opusc. Entom. iii. p. 147 (1853)¹.

Scymnus volgus, Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 271².