

13. *Scymnus pictus*. (Tab. XII. fig. 23.)

Ovalis, niger, elytris postice macula transversa irregulari pedibusque aurantiacis. Long. 1 millim.
Mas, capite, prothorace subtus et ad latera rufis.

Hab. PANAMA, San Miguel in the Pearl Islands (*Champion*).

This little species is very distinctly oval in form, pointed behind, and it is rather strongly convex, and clothed with grey pubescence. The elytral red spot is placed at about one-third from the apex and quite free; it is rather more transverse in the female than in the male. The body beneath is almost wholly black; the prothorax is red in the male beneath, and with the sides indeterminately so, and the head is also red in this sex. The supposed female is smaller, and has the thorax and head black. The legs have rather wide femora, receiving the tibiæ in grooves, and are wholly orange-red. There are but two specimens of this species. I cannot recall to mind any *Scymnus* similarly marked.

14. *Scymnus coloratus*. (Tab. XII. fig. 25.)

Niger, suborbicularis, vix pubescens, nitidus, capite prothoraceque albis, hoc macula magna discoidali interdum marginem anticum attingente nigra; elytris vel nigris, vel nigris disco plus minusve sanguineo; pedibus flavis. Long. 1-1.75 millim.

Mas, capite albo; *femina*, capite infumato, elytrorum margine apicali late albo.

Hab. MEXICO, Teapa in Tabasco (*H. H. Smith*); GUATEMALA, Capetillo (*Champion*); PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui, Peña Blanca, Tolé (*Champion*).

This is a variable and perplexing species. The examples which I suppose to be the males are more orbiculate and larger than the three others, which from their darker heads appear to be females; and in these males (?) two have the elytra more or less suffused with a blood-red discoidal patch, viz. one from Teapa and one from the Volcan de Chiriqui, while one from the latter locality and one from Peña Blanca have them wholly black. The body beneath is black. The legs are yellow. The three females (?) are one from Teapa, one from Capetillo, and one from Tolé; they have the thorax narrowed in front, and its sides continuous in outline, or very nearly so, with that of the elytra. *S. coloratus* has very much the appearance of an *Ortalistes* (especially of *O. immersus*), and, indeed, I think it may have to be removed to that genus. The distinction between *Scymnus* and the allied genera is very slight, as may be seen by reference to Chapuis, in Lacordaire's 'Genera des Coléoptères,' xii. p. 206.

The example from Peña Blanca is more like that from Chiriqui, but is half the size.

15. *Scymnus tardus*.

Scymnus tardus, Muls. Spec. Col. Trim. sécur. p. 955¹; Crotch, Rev. Coccin. p. 270².

Hab. MEXICO, Jalapa (*Höge*), Atoyac in Vera Cruz, Teapa in Tabasco (*H. H. Smith*); GUATEMALA, Zapote (*Champion*); PANAMA, Bugaba, San Miguel in the Pearl Islands (*Champion*).—BRAZIL^{1 2}, Bahia (*coll. Crotch, ex Reiche*).