

deep; behind it is rounded, but not broadly; in front it is truncated, and angled at the sides, and from each angle a ridge runs to the eyes, the space above this ridge being shallow; the eyes have a suture immediately behind them above. The mesonotum in front rises rather perpendicularly over the pronotum, as it does also with *S. meritorius*; the suture on the middle lobe is deep; it does not extend to the apex.

It is a stouter insect than *S. nigricornis*, which has the black marks on the dorsum continuous; its wings are darker, the third cubital cellule is longer compared with the second, while it wants also the black marks on the mesonotum.

22. *Strongylogaster fuscipennis*.

Rufus, capite, mesopleuris, metanoti medio, abdominis apice, tarsis tibiisque posticis nigris; alis fuscis, costa stigmatique nigris. ♀.

Long. 9 millim.

Hab. MEXICO.

Frontal area and furrows not very clearly defined, the former rounded and ridged behind, central antennal fovea deep, lateral indistinct; eyes oval, not reaching to base of mandibles. The transverse radial nervure is received in apical third of third cubital cellule, which is not much longer than broad, and much wider at apex than at base; there is a distinct horny point in the middle of second cubital cellule, which is longer than the third; the transverse median nervure is received a little beyond the middle of cellule; the accessory nervure in hind wing is very shortly appendiculated. The four anterior coxæ are pale, the posterior slightly darker, black at the base; the posterior knees are black; posterior tibiæ dark testaceous on underpart of basal fourth, the rest black; spurs testaceous. The ventral surface is marked with transverse black bands interrupted in the middle; on the basal half above there are fuscous transverse marks; the three apical segments are entirely black. The two basal joints of antennæ are black; the rest are wanting.

May be known from *S. tibialis* and *S. ruficollis* by the shorter and much wider third cubital cellule. From *S. nigricornis* the black mouth and pleuræ and much wider third cubital cellule distinguish it, as also the coxæ being marked with black.

23. *Strongylogaster ruficollis*.

Niger, ore albido; pronoto, mesonoto cum scutello, abdominis basi, tegulis pedibusque rufis; alis fuscis, stigmate et costa nigris. ♂ ♀.

Long. 8 millim.

Hab. GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo (*Champion*), several specimens.

Front punctured, vertex smooth, shining, frontal area indistinct; three antennal foveæ large, round. Eyes oval. The antennæ are slightly shorter than the abdomen, stout, shortly pilose; the third joint one fourth longer than the fourth; the apex scarcely attenuated. Clypeus transverse. Usually the middle of the three basal segments of abdomen is dull red; but the red colour may extend over the whole of