

AOCHLETUS, gen. nov.

Resembles *Oxycera* in its general appearance and colouring; the principal difference consisting in the structure of the antennæ, in which the terminal aristiform style is replaced by a stout, elongate joint.

Antennæ, in both sexes, not longer than the longitudinal diameter of the head; first joint slender, subcylindrical, the second not much shorter, but stouter, both beset with short hairs; the first three joints of the flagellum are broader than long, and, taken together, form a cylindrical body about as long as the antennal scapus, but stouter; the fourth joint of the flagellum is not unlike the preceding in shape, but a little narrower, and separated from it by a distinct coarctation; upon this follows an elongated body, a little longer than the two preceding joints taken together, without any distinct articulations, and placed somewhat at an angle to the axis of the antenna; in the male this last joint is more flattened than in the female.—N.B. I have only two specimens for comparison; to give an accurate description of the antennæ, fresh or living specimens would be necessary.

The occipital orbits of the female are like those of *Oxycera*.

Thorax and scutellum as in *Oxycera*.

The abdomen of the male is narrower than in the *Oxyceræ* known to me, elongated, about three times longer than broad, almost a half-cylinder in shape, slightly coarctate near the base; that of the female is broader and flatter, more rounded.

The antennæ are inserted in the middle of the profile; the face flat, oblique; the eyes glabrous in the male. subcontiguous for a length a little less than that of the face, the upper facets separated by a distinct line from the lower ones, which are of a different colour; front of the female broad.

Venation like that of *Oxycera*, but there is no branch to the third vein; of the four veins issuing from the discal cell, the anterior one is very weak.

These last characters may be as variable in *Aochletus* as they are in *Oxycera* or in *Euparyphus* (Schiner, Fauna Austr. i. p. 9, is not right in describing the third vein of *Oxycera* as being always branched); the structure of the front and face may also vary; the eyes, in some as yet undiscovered species, may be pubescent, as they often are in *Oxycera*. The chief generic character is in the structure of the antennæ.

In short, *Aochletus* is an *Oxycera* with a stout terminal joint to the antennæ, instead of an aristiform style.

It differs from *Euryneura*, Schin., in the position of the antennæ, which in the latter are close above the oral edge.

Aochletus, in Greek, means undisturbed, unruffled.

1. *Aochletus cinctus*, sp. n., ♂ ♀.

Male. Face and frontal triangle yellow; facial orbits broad, silvery (or black, when the light is not reflected from them); vertical triangle black; antennæ brownish-yellow at the base, browner towards the tip.