

and do not reach beyond the suture posteriorly, the lateral ones run from the humerus to the scutellum; humeri yellow; pleuræ rufous, mixed with yellow and brown; sternum brownish; metanotum reddish-yellow, darker under the scutellum. Halteres pale rufous. Legs pale rufous; proximal half of the femora and tibiæ still paler, almost whitish-yellow on the hind pair; hind femora with a few short bristles on the under-side of the incrassation towards the end; hind tibiæ distinctly curved, beset with scattered weak bristles; hind tarsi comparatively short. Abdomen rufous; hind margins of segments 3-7 ill-defined yellowish; the lateral margins of segments 2-7 have a black stripe, interrupted by the yellow on the sutures; on the hind margin of segment 2 there is a pair of deep-black oblong spots (corresponding to similar spots in *L. sponsor* and *L. pantherinus*). The coronet of spines at the end of the abdomen (♀) is black. Wings with a pale brownish tinge; veins clouded with a darker brown; costal vein yellowish. A single female.

N.B.—This is undoubtedly a *Leptomidas*, its short proboscis notwithstanding. The vein following the forked vein ends at the very tip of the first vein, on one of the wings almost in the alar margin. It is very probable that in this species, like in some other Midaidæ of the same colour, the distribution of the rufous and darker tints is not altogether constant, and this circumstance must be taken into account in identifying such species.

MIDAS.

Mydas, Fabricius, Ent. Syst. iv. p. 252 (1794).

Midas, Wiedemann, Aussereur. zweifl. Ins. i. p. 239 (1828).

1. *Midas rubidapex*.

Midas rubidapex, Wiedem. Mon. Midar. p. 40, t. 52. f. 2; Bellardi, Saggio &c. ii. p. 5¹.

Hab. MEXICO (*Sallé*¹); GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo (*Champion*).

I have three male specimens from San Gerónimo, agreeing with the descriptions, except that the ungues are not “flavescentes, ad apicem nigri,” as Bellardi describes them, but altogether black, slightly chestnut-brown about the middle. The antennal scapus alone is black, the rest of the antennæ yellowish-orange; according to Wiedemann the colour varies, the club alone being sometimes yellow. All our specimens have a tuft of white hairs above the hind coxæ.

2. *Midas dives*.

Midas dives, Westw. Arcana Ent. i. p. 50, t. 13. f. 1.

Hab. PANAMA, Bugaba (*Champion*), near the city (*J. J. Walker*).—BRAZIL (*Berl. Mus.*).

This species is exceedingly like *Midas rubidapex*; the differences are:—(1) the two basal segments of the abdomen are clothed on the dorsal side with golden down, which