

This is one of those extremely variable species which frequently appear in the Scutellerinæ, and in its protean aspect even more than rivalling *Tectocoris lineola* of the Oriental and Australian regions. *P. torridus* is found in the Nearctic fauna, and probably extends throughout the whole length and breadth of the Neotropical Region. Vollenhoven described and figured as *Pæcilocoris æneiventris* a form which apparently is only a variety of this species; and though its habitat is given as "in India Orientali," he states that the type was a solitary specimen in the Royal Museum, "sans indication spéciale de patrie, mais provenant de l'Archipel Indien."

The following are the well-marked varietal forms which have been received from Central America.

BENEATH DARK SHINING GREEN.

Var. *a*. (Tab. I. fig. 1.)

Above black or obscure purplish. Pronotum marked with eight, scutellum with fourteen rounded spots, varying in colour from bright sanguineous to luteous. In some specimens the spots are subequal in size; in others they are very unequal, which is instanced in the specimen figured, received from Caché, Costa Rica. In other specimens of this form the discal transverse series of four spots are enlarged and slightly fused.

Var. *b*.

Resembles var. *a*, as figured above, but pronotum with only six spots.

Var. *c*.

Pronotum as in var. *a*. Scutellum with macular markings on apical half very irregular. The whole fourteen spots are never present, sometimes only one is absent, generally two or three.

Var. *d*. (Tab. I. figg. 2 & 3.)

Pronotal spots as in var. *a*. Scutellum with the apical five spots much enlarged and irregularly fused. In one specimen which is figured from Mexico the central longitudinal spots on the pronotum are also fused together.

Var. *e*. (Tab. I. fig. 4.)

Pronotum with five, six, eight, or in one specimen no spots. Scutellum with the number of spots irregular, but the two marginal ones always very large.

*Pachycoris torridus*, var. *e*, Stål, En. Hem. i. p. 6.

This appears to be the form described by Burm.<sup>1</sup> as *P. klugii*.

Var. *f*. (Tab. I. fig. 5.)

Above dull rufous. Pronotum with two large triangular black markings at base, two small ones on disk near lateral margins, and with two larger obscure spots of the same colour on anterior margin.

Var. *g*.

Resembling var. *f*, but pronotum and scutellum spotless, concolorous.

Var. *h*. (Tab. I. fig. 6.)

Colour above as in two preceding vars. Pronotum with four irregular transverse black fasciæ; two basal, and two apical and submarginal. Scutellum with two transverse waved fasciæ near base, two small spots placed close together on disk, and two rather larger ones placed severally on each lateral margin a little beyond middle; these spots and fasciæ are black.

This var. seems to resemble var. *h*, Stål, En. Hem. i. p. 6.