

This genus has a considerable resemblance to *Pachycoris*; the second and third joints of the antennæ, however, are subequal in length, and the head is also more triangular, robust, and convex, which serve as superficial characters by which to separate the two genera.

1. *Orsilochus variabilis*.

Pachycoris variabilis, H.-S. Wanz. Ins. iv. pp. 9 & 10. figs. 353, 354¹; Germ. Zeitschr. i. p. 88. 11²;

Dall. List Hem. i. p. 32. 6³.

Orsilochus variabilis, Stål, En. Hem. i. p. 9⁴.

Var. *a. punctatissimus*. (Tab. I. fig. 9.)

Pachycoris punctatissimus, Dall. List Hem. i. p. 32. 7, excl. syn.⁵

Var. *b. marginellus*.

Pachycoris marginellus, Dall. List Hem. i. p. 32. 8⁶; Stål, En. Hem. i. p. 7⁷.

Var. *c. complicatus*. (Tab. I. fig. 8.)

Pachycoris complicatus, Uhler, Proc. Ent. Soc. Philad. ii. p. 361⁸.

Hab. MEXICO ^{1 2 3 4 5 8} (*Mus. Berol.*); GUATEMALA, San Gerónimo, Vera Paz (*Champion*); COSTA RICA, Caché (*Rogers*).—COLOMBIA ⁵.

This species is subject to great variation; the forms figured are vars. *punctatissimus* and *complicatus*, the first from Mexico, the second from Costa Rica. The var. *marginellus*, Dall., differs from *punctatissimus* in having a central pale longitudinal line, and a transverse black patch on each side near anterior margin of pronotum. The habitat of the type was unknown⁶; but the probability necessarily is that it is found in the same region with the other varieties. The type is slightly larger than usual forms of *P. punctatissimus*; but only one specimen exists in the British Museum, though Walker (Cat. Het. i. p. 47) records three other specimens of the form from Mexico. An examination, however, shows that Walker, under the names of *P. boscii* (where he inserts *punctatissimus* as a synonym) and *P. marginellus*, has fallen into terrible confusion, and mixed not only *P. punctatissimus* and *P. marginellus* in each case together, but also with them species of other genera. His habitats are therefore useless; and this explanation is necessary for not recording them. The var. *complicatus* is a larger and more robust form, the size as stated by Prof. Uhler being length 11 millims., hum. breadth $6\frac{2}{3}$ millims.; the apex of the scutellum appears rather more abruptly deflexed; and the punctuation of the pronotum in some specimens is slightly different. But intermediate forms between all these varieties exist, and a fine series (all from Mexico) received from the Berlin Museum afforded an excellent opportunity of certifying the same. The colour beneath also varies from dark greenish black to slightly mottled luteous.