

BERECYNTHUS.

Berecynthus, Stål, Stett. ent. Zeit. xxiii. p. 101 (1862); Öfv. Vet.-Ak. Förh. 1867, p. 527.

The head has the central lobe generally much produced and prominent—a character, however, which appears to be variable, and will not bear the value which has hitherto been ascribed to it in generic diagnoses. The antenniferous tubercles are strongly spinous externally.

One species only is known, which is common to Tropical America.

1. *Berecynthus delirator*, var. (Tab. VI. fig. 14.)

Cimex delirator, Fabr. Ent. Syst. iv. p. 103. 92; Syst. Rhynch. p. 164. 45.

Cimex hastator, Fabr. Ent. Syst. Suppl. p. 522. 92, 93; Syst. Rhynch. p. 164. 46¹.

Prooxys crenatus, A. & S. Hist. des Hém. p. 140. 3².

Pentatoma spiniceps, H.-S. Wanz. Ins. vii. p. 106, fig. 772.

Proxys hastator, Dall. List Hem. i. p. 210. 2³.

Proxys spiniceps, Dall. List Hem. i. p. 210. 4.

Berecynthus delirator, Stål, Hem. Fabr. i. p. 26. 1; En. Hem. ii. p. 28. 1⁴.

Proxys rhododactylus, Voll. Versl. Ak. Amst. Nat. ser. 2, ii. p. 180⁵.

Hab. MEXICO⁴, Minas Viejas (*Dr. Palmer*); PANAMA (*coll. Dist.*), Matachin (*Schunke, coll. Oberthür*).—COLOMBIA⁴; VENEZUELA⁴, Caracas⁵; GUIANA³, Demerara (*coll. Dist.*), Surinam⁴, Cayenne^{1 2}.

The specimen figured is a variety from Mexico, in which the central lobe of the head is barely prominent. Taken alone it would have been considered a distinct species; but I fortunately possessed a series of specimens from Panama, which exhibited all gradations of this character, from typical forms to some in which the central lobe was almost as much abbreviated as in this Mexican specimen.

PADÆUS.

Padæus, Stål, Stett. ent. Zeit. xxiii. p. 101 (1862); Öfv. Vet.-Ak. Förh. 1867, p. 528.

This genus has many affinities with *Euschistus*; the margins of the pronotum are not denticulated; and the anterior tibiæ only are sulcated. Two species are recorded as belonging to *Padæus*, both from Central America.

1. *Padæus irroratus*.

Cimex irroratus ♀, Herrich-Schäffer, Wanz. Ins. iv. p. 19. fig. 367¹.

Pentatoma irroratum, H.-S. Wanz. Ins. vii. p. 94.

Mormidea irrorata, Dall. List Hem. i. p. 215. 15².

Padæus irroratus, Stål, Stett. ent. Zeit. xxiii. p. 101. 63³; En. Hem. ii. p. 29. 1⁴.

Mormidea vidua, Voll. Versl. Ak. Amst. Nat. ser. 2, ii. p. 180. 26⁵.