

- b*³. Elytra with scattered flattened tubercles along each alternate interstice; prothorax immaculate *aspersus*, sp. n.
- c*³. Elytra with, at most, an oblong bare prominence on each alternate interstice below the base; prothorax spotted *cuneatus*, sp. n.
- b*. Femora bidentate; prothorax with two, and the elytra with many, small tubercles on the disc, the elytra bidentate at the apex; pygidium (♂) broadly exposed *bidens*, sp. n.

1. *Cratosomus annulipes*, sp. n. (Tab. I. figg. 1, 1 *a*.)

Oblong-ovate, rather broad, black, opaque above (the tubercles excepted), moderately shining beneath; the head between the eyes, the prothorax with the anterior margin, the lower part of the flanks, and a patch on each side at the base, the scutellum, and the elytra with three broad, more or less connected, transverse, irregular fasciæ, the anterior one connected with an oblique humeral streak, thickly clothed with yellowish- or fulvo-cinereous, piliform scales, the rest of the upper surface black; the under surface, femora, and tibiæ rather sparsely clothed with narrow yellowish-cinereous scales, the femora conspicuously annulate near the tip, the tarsi thickly clothed above with similarly-coloured hairs. Head finely punctate, broadly sulcate between the somewhat widely separated eyes, the groove extending upwards on to the vertex; rostrum almost straight, broad, flattened, rugulosely punctate and subcarinate, smooth at the tip. Prothorax transverse, rapidly narrowed from the middle; closely, minutely punctate, the disc broadly depressed in the centre, shortly carinate, and with several scattered, smooth, rounded tubercles. Elytra much wider than the prothorax, narrowing from a little below the base, the humeri swollen, the apices obtuse; finely punctate-striate, the interstices minutely punctate, flat, 1, 3, 5, and 7 with scattered, smooth, rounded, subconical tubercles, the one near the base of 3 larger than the others. Beneath closely, finely punctate; ventral segment 1 broadly depressed down the middle in the ♂. Pygidium broadly exposed beneath in both sexes, with a short longitudinal carina at the tip. Femora clavate, each with a short tooth.

Length 20–22, breadth 9–10 millim. (♂ ♀.)

Hab. COSTA RICA (*Van Patten*), Miravalles (*Underwood*), Azahar de Cartago (*Biolley*); PANAMA, Chiriqui (*Trötsch*).

Five specimens. A close ally of the very variable *C. punctulatus*, but with fewer and much more conspicuous tubercles on the elytra; the prothorax with several scattered tubercles on the disc, the pallid vestiture of its upper surface reduced to two patches at the base and a line along the apical margin.

2. *Cratosomus punctulatus*. (Tab. I. figg. 2, 2 *a*; 3–7, vars.)

Cratosomus punctulatus, Gyll. in Schönh. Gen. Curc. iv. p. 6¹; viii. 1, p. 294².

Cratosomus mexicanus, Gyll. loc. cit. p. 5³.

Cratosomus pustulatus, Gyll. loc. cit. p. 7⁴.

Cratosomus nodieri, Gyll. loc. cit. p. 8⁵.

Hab. MEXICO^{1 2} (*ex coll. Sturm*^{3 4}; *Truqui*; *Mus. Brit.*), Alamos in Chihuahua (*Buchan-Hepburn*), Ciudad in Durango (*Forrer*), Durango (*ex coll. Flohr*), Guadalajara, Tacambaro, Jalapa (*Höge*), Mochitlan (*Baron*), Matamoros Izucar, Cuernavaca (*Sallé*, *Höge*), Chilpancingo (*Höge*, *H. H. Smith*), Rincon, Amoqueleca, Amula, and Tierra Colorada in Guerrero (*H. H. Smith*), Guanajuato, Mirador, Capulalpam, Parada, Juquila, Etna, Oaxaca (*Sallé*), Valladolid (*Mus. Brit.*), between Oaxaca and Acapulco⁵;