

colour and punctuation; Motschoulsky leaves it to be inferred that the antennæ of his species are black, except at the base, and this is not the case in the two examples found by Mr. Champion. These individuals appertain to a species closely allied to *S. dispar*, but are not so large, and have the pubescence arranged so as to form somewhat indistinct lines on the thorax and elytra, and the eyes more widely separated.

6. *Spermophagus pollens*.

Major, latus, niger, supra brunneus, fulvo-pubescent; prothorace sparsim fortiter punctato, elytris profunde striatis.

Long. 10 millim.

Hab. BRITISH HONDURAS, Belize (*Blancaneaux*).

Antennæ black, feebly serrate internally. Eyes rather widely separated. Thorax rather short, its sides a little curved, greatly narrowed from the base to the front, the rather coarse punctuation not quite regularly distributed and greatly concealed by the abundant pubescence. Scutellum oblong, rather broad, only indistinctly pointed. Elytra with deep striæ, which are rather closely punctate, and without hairs. Pygidium concolorous with the upper surface; under-surface and legs black, rendered grisescent by pubescence. Outer spur of the hind tibia very elongate.

Although only one example has been received, this is pretty certainly a quite distinct species; the black under-surface, and tawny red upper surface quite without variegation are peculiar to it. The form of the apex of the scutellum is not quite clear to me, owing to the pubescence, but I think it is certainly not tricuspid.

7. *Spermophagus obductus*.

Piceus (prothorace elytrisque brunneis), fulvo-pubescent; prothorace utrinque fortiter punctato; scutello oblongo, apice tricuspidato; pygidio concolore.

Long. 6-7 millim.

Hab. PANAMA, Volcan de Chiriqui 2000 to 3000 feet, San Feliz (*Champion*).

Antennæ piceous, feebly serrate. Eyes large, coarsely granulated, rather widely separated in front. Thorax rather elongate, greatly narrowed in front, the surface densely, finely punctured, with larger punctures which are not present on the middle. Scutellum moderately long and broad, evidently tricuspid behind, with the intermediate tooth the longer. Elytra elongate, rather deeply striate, the striæ only obscurely crenate. Pygidium nearly concolorous with the elytra, with a fine line of rather denser ochreous pubescence along the middle. Under-surface blackish, hind body paler.

This species, of which I have only seen two examples, is readily distinguished from *S. dispar* by the more conical thorax, with diminished coarse sculpture on the middle.

8. *Spermophagus obscurus*.

Ovalis, nigro-fuscus, supra brunneus, ochraceo-pubescent, haud variegatus; prothorace transversó, tantum ad