

***Pedilus parvicollis*, sp. nov.**

Very elongate; black; prothorax, labrum and front coxæ rufotestaceous; palpi dusky testaceous; legs varying from brown to piceous, the tarsi paler. Head rather small, tempora wanting, eyes large, separated by a distance equal to their own width as viewed from the front; front closely punctate, vertex and occiput sparsely so. Antennæ (♂) strongly flabellate; joint 1 of the usual form, 2 very short, transverse, 3 equal to 1 and 2 united and with a branch slightly shorter than its own length, 4-10 shorter, the outer ones with branches about four times their own length, 11 about as long as the branch of the preceding joint. Prothorax of same width as the head, sides strongly rounded before the middle, oblique and nearly straight posteriorly, surface polished and rather finely sparsely punctate. Elytra nearly parallel, nearly twice as wide and six times as long as the prothorax, less finely and more closely punctate than the latter. Pubescence fine and sparse. Body beneath shining, finely punctate, last ventral segment very broadly obtusely rounded posteriorly. Claws with a small obtuse basal angulation.

Length 6 to 7 mm.

Habitat.—California Sierras.

Described from four males, two of which, including the type, were taken by Mr. G. R. Rilate at Monache Meadows, Tulare Co., 8,000 to 8,300 feet.; the other two by Mr. Hopping at Round Meadow in the Giant Forest region. This species can only be compared with *P. flabellata*, with which alone it agrees in the flabellate male antennæ and in the form of the thorax. In *flabellata*, however, the antennal rami begin on the fourth joint, the third being small and similar to the second, and the prothorax is relatively larger with the sides less strongly rounded than in the present species. The absence of tempora, and the head and thorax of equal width distinguishes *parvicollis* from every other species of our fauna.

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