

obtuse. *Scutellum* rather obtus-angular. *Elytra*, alitrunk,* and abdomen very much dilated, nearly twice the width of the prothorax, without furrows, with several rows of obsolete mammillated impressions. *Legs* rather longer and more slender than those of *Elaphrus*; the *hands* of the male have the first four joints a little dilated and furnished underneath with a brush.

[61] 87. *OPISTHIUS RICHARDSONII*, Kirby.—Plate i. fig. 9. Length of body $4\frac{1}{2}$ lines; breadth of prothorax 1 line; of elytra taken together $2\frac{3}{4}$ lines. Mr. Drummond, from my description of this curious insect, thinks it was taken in May, 1825, on an island of Lake Winnipeg, frequenting moist muddy places from which the water had shrunk.

Body with the gloss obscured; underneath black, somewhat hairy, above a little bronzed. Antennæ nearly half the length of the body, first four joints greenish-bronzed, the rest deep blue; front with a slight impression between the antennæ and a few scattered short whitish hairs: prothorax very short, more bronzed, transversely very minutely wrinkled: elytra with three rows of oblong greenish very slight impressions, each with a central oblong elevation, with another levigated one between each; adjoining the lateral margin is a fourth series of greenish-bronzed more numerous impressions without any central or intermediate elevations: thighs green-bronzed, tibiæ obscurely rufous, tarsi black, legs hairy. [Taken at Fort Simpson, Mackenzie River, by Mr. Robert Kennicott.]

88. *ELAPHRUS CLAIRVILLII*, Kirby.—Plate i. fig. 8. Length of body 4 lines. A single specimen taken in the journey from New York to Cumberland-house.

[62] Body glossy; underneath green-bronzed; above black slightly bronzed, covered with minute scattered, gilded punctures. Mandibles and palpi piceous; antennæ black, with the three first joints dark blue; front with an elevation between the eyes, rather deeply impressed in the centre: prothorax longer than wide, uneven, with two large discoidal elevations separated by a dorsal channel, each with a central impression; a single basilar impression at the posterior angles tinted with blue: elytra with four irregular rows containing in all twenty-one slight circular impressions punctured, and tinted with blue, each, except the marginal ones surrounded by an elevated ring, and placed in a wider impression; between each of these impressions in the two first rows is an elevated and levigated space: thighs glossy-green, the posterior pair rufous at the base; tibiæ and tarsi piceous.

I am doubtful whether this species may not be Mr. Say's *E. riparius*, but it is not the real one, from which, and *E. uliginosus*, it is distinguished by

* The alitrunk is that part which bears the wings and the four posterior legs.