

PLATYMETOPIUS FRONTALIS n. sp.

Smaller and shorter than *P. acutus*. Blackish fuscous, sparingly irrorate with pale; face pale yellow. Length about 4 m.m.

Vertex shorter than in *acutus*, one-quarter longer than broad between the eyes, with a longitudinal depression, apex obtuse. Cheeks broader, and the clypeus shorter and broader than in *acutus*, the sides of the latter almost rectilinear. Head, scutellum and abdomen, closely punctured. Pronotum smooth, obscurely transversely wrinkled. Last ventral segment of the male rather deeply concave, valve large and rounded; plates triangular, on the impressed suture about as long as the valve, apex subacute, margins sparsely ciliate; pygofer elongated, surpassing the plates. Last ventral segment of the female broad, slightly keeled and compressed apically, the hind edge feebly notched on the middle, pygofer short and broad, scarcely exceeded by the ovipositor.

Colour fuscous, or almost black; posterior disc of the vertex, pronotum, scutellum, and all beneath, minutely but sparingly irrorate with pale; vertex and venter of the male almost immaculate. Apex of the vertex whitish, with some irregular fuscous lineations on either side of the central line; face yellow, cheeks infuscated exteriorly, base of the front with but faint indications of the concentric lines characteristic of our other species. Pronotum, with five whitish longitudinal lines, faintly indicated. Nervures of the elytra bordered with interrupted pale lines that sometimes form reticulations on some of the areoles; costal area outwardly whitish hyaline, crossed by about eight oblique blackish veinlets; apical areoles, excepting on their base fuscous, the extreme edge pale. Elytra normally with about fifteen round whitish dots placed on the ends of the areoles, but more or less of the basal are frequently wanting. Wings sordid hyaline, nervures fuscous. Tibiæ spotted with pale; tarsi pale, the joints tipped with black.

Described from two ♂ and five ♀ examples. Buffalo, N. Y., June and September; Ames, Iowa, (H. Osborn).

I have swept this species from low bushes and weeds with *P. acutus*, from which it may readily be distinguished by its smaller size and blackish colour. *P. acutus* has the sides of its clypeus concave, and the apex of the valve of the ♂ obtusely pointed. *P. modestus* Stål is unknown to me, as is also *P. magdalenensis* Frov., but these are larger pale species.