

*Pissonotus piceus*, n. sp.

Brachypterous ♀.—A small species slightly smaller than *P. brunneus* and not so stout. Head short, very slightly curved in front. Eyes slightly indented below to receive the antennæ; colour light gray around margins, black in the centre; vertex about as deep as wide in front, sides curving between the eyes, narrower behind the eyes than before; all the carinæ present, but all rather weak, foveæ not very deep; colour deep shiny black.

Front rather wide and short, sides nearly straight. median carina very faint; anterior three-fourths deep shiny black, posterior one-fourth pure white.

Clypeus uniformly black; median carina but a mere suggestion; the black band carried across the anterior coxæ as usual; posterior of this a band of white and towards the tip of the abdomen, black.

Basal segment of the antennæ about one-third as long as the second segment; basal segment brown, second segment honey-yellow spotted with white, tuberculate.

Prothorax about as deep as the head, posterior margin very slightly concave, median carina practically indistinguishable, lateral carinæ distinct for about two-thirds of their length and then fading out; colour pure white.

First and second pairs of legs with the coxæ light brown, shading through black on the femora and tibiæ to white on the first two tarsal segments, the last tarsal segment black, tibiæ of the first and second pairs of legs foliaceous; third pair of legs shading from dark brown at the base of the femora to honey-yellow on the tibiæ to white on the tarsi, tips of the tarsi black.

Scutellum triangular, sides straight, not visible for its entire breadth, covered by the prothorax on its outer edges; median carina indistinct, lateral carinæ short, curved outward, poorly defined; colour uniform deep shiny black.

Elytra short, not quite covering the first abdominal segment, coriaceous, polished, veins indistinct; colour, basal three-fourths deep shiny black, posterior one-fourth pure white.

Abdomen uniform shiny black; genitalia deep reddish brown, almost black; pygofers tapering to a blunt point, plates very short, extending only one-fourth of the length of the pygofers, only a small edge visible; style white. Length, 2.5 mm.