

Length, 12 mm. Los Angeles County, Cal. Four males and one female.

The following table contains all the species of *Nicocles* known to occur in America north of Mexico; of these, *rufus* and *scitulus* may belong to *Blacodes*:—

1. Third and fourth abdominal segments wholly black.....3
 Third and fourth segments largely or wholly red.....2
2. Body red, a black spot on the second abdominal segment.....*rufus*, Will.
 Body black, abdominal segments three to six largely red.....*abdominalis*, Will.
3. Wings hyaline, a brown cloud at base of each submarginal, posterior and of the discal cell.....*scitulus*, Will.
 Wings marked with brown in other places than these.....4
4. Antennal style one-half as long as the third joint.....5
 Antennal style only one-fourth as long as the slender third joint; eastern species.....*pictus*, Lw.
5. Fifth abdominal segment in the male more than three times as wide as long.....6
 Fifth segment less than three times as wide as long; California species.....7
6. Inhabits the Atlantic States.....*politus*, Say.
 Inhabits California.....*dives*, Lw.
7. Brown spot at tip of wing not crossing the first and second posterior cells; posterior tibiae and tarsi of the male densely silvery within.....*argentatus*, n. sp.
 Brown spot at tip of wing crosses the first and second posterior cells; posterior tibiae and tarsi of the male not silvery.....*aemulator*, Lw.

Nicocles argentatus, n. sp., ♂. Black, the tibiae and apex of the sixth and sometimes of the fifth abdominal segment red. Front grayish-brown pollinose, face nearly flat, white pollinose and sparse whitish pilose, mystax on oral margin consisting of a few long yellowish hairs interspersed among about fourteen stout yellow bristles; pile of palpi and of occiput white, bristles of the latter yellowish. First joint of antennae