

DESCRIPTIONS OF NORTH AMERICAN HYMENOPTERA, No. 6.

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Genus TOXONEURON, Say.

The characters of this genus are given at length under the name of *Tenthredoides* (Proc. Ent. Soc. Phil., iv., p. 290), which appears to be synonymous. It may be easily recognized by the short robust body, rather large transverse head, stout legs, broad ample wings (which are generally fuliginous), and especially by the form of the marginal cell, which is rather suddenly constricted (or somewhat reclivate) at tip of second sub-marginal cell, and thence narrowed to the apex, which is somewhat incurved, and reaches the extreme apex of the wing; this, as well as the second and third submarginal cells, are indistinctly defined, the nervures being sub-obsolete.

The species, thus far known, may be distinguished by the characters given in the following table:—

Body entirely black.

Wings entirely fuliginous.

Legs black, anterior knees honey-yellow.

Tibial spurs black..... 1. *ÆTHIOPS*.

Tibial spurs white..... 2. *MINUTUM*.

Legs black, anterior femora and tibiae, and intermediate knees honey-yellow..... 3. *ORIZABÆ*.

Legs honey-yellow, coxæ, trochanters, tips of posterior tibiae and their tarsi black..... 4. *EXPLORATOR*.

Wings hyaline, apex fuliginous.

Legs entirely black..... 5. *MEXICANUM*.

Legs black, anterior pair except base honey-yellow..... 6. *APICALE*.

Legs black, anterior tibiae and tarsi, base of intermediate tibiae, their tarsi and band at base of posterior tibiae white or yellow..... 7. *TIBIATOR*.

Body black; head, pro and mesothorax and anterior legs flavo-ferruginous..... 8. *THORACICUM*.

Body black; abdomen and legs flavo-ferruginous..... 9. *ABDOMINALE*.

Body ferruginous; head, antennæ, metathorax and pleura black..... 10. *SEMINIGRUM*.

Body fulvo-ferruginous; mouth, antennæ, pleura beneath and metathorax black..... 11. *VIATOR*.

Body yellow; three spots on mesothorax, spots on pleura, and abdomen, except base, black..... 12. *ORNATUM*.