

Body black, hairy, except the head and prothorax which are naked, and very glossy. Head sculptured like that of *P. pictus*; antennae with the two first joints testaceous; prothorax sculptured with regard to the dorsal series as in that species, then follow about five punctures in an irregular wavy series extending from near the base towards the apex, between which and the anterior angle are two placed obliquely, and several besides are discoverable in the lateral and posterior margins: [94] the scutellum is black: the elytra punctured, testaceous, and hairy: the abdomen is entirely black: the legs are testaceous with the posterior coxae black; the hands are not dilated. [Taken at Grimsby, Ont., by Mr. Pettit.]

132. *STAPHYLINUS CHRYSURUS*, Kirby. Length of body $5\frac{1}{2}$ lines. Taken in Nova Scotia by Dr. MacCulloch.

Body underneath black, somewhat glossy, sprinkled with yellow hairs. Head suborbicular, scarcely wider than the prothorax, confluent punctured, bronzed, and covered not thickly with short pale-yellow hairs, which give it a cinereous tint, with several indistinct blackish spots; rhinarium and upper-lip pale yellow; mandibles rufous at the base; stalk of the antennae testaceous, the six last joints are brown and larger than the rest, so as to form a clava: prothorax sculptured, clothed, and coloured like the head, but more distinctly spotted and clouded with black, widest behind with a slight lateral sinus near the base: scutellum almost covered by a heart-shaped velvety black spot: elytra, as to sculpture, clothing, and general colour, resembling the head and prothorax, but they are differently spotted with black; in the centre of the base is an oblique oblong spot, then follows an angular interrupted band, and lastly, is a sickle-shaped band with the handle towards the lateral margin, the blade is very broad and includes an insulated cinereous spot; neither of these bands reach the suture or the lateral margin, which is tawny-yellow: the two last segments of the abdomen, especially the penultimate, are thickly covered with short decumbent hairs, which in certain lights reflect a brilliant golden lustre; the after-breast is covered with hairs if possible still more brilliant; the legs are testaceous, but the thighs except their tip, and a dorsal line, are black.

This species resembles *St. hybridus* and *maculosus*, but is sufficiently distinguished by its golden tail and breast: it is one of the smallest of the genus. [Previously described as *Leistotrophus cingulatus* Grav. Not uncommon throughout Ontario.]