

Body finely ashy pubescent. Thorax black and red marked, prothorax rufous, anterior and posterior margin yellow, lateral subarcuate obsolete vitta on dorsum of mesothorax and posterior calli before scutellum yellow. Scutellum all red. Abdomen swollen, first segment black, narrow apical margin yellow, the rest rufous, base of 2-4 fuscous, apex of 4-6 with yellow margin. Legs reddish brown, unspotted. Wings fuscous hyaline, costal vitta wholly brown. Squamæ hyaline.

Near the foregoing species but somewhat larger; the prothorax also has the hind margin yellow, the yellow band on the side of the mesodorsum is simply bowed, on the wings the light part is brownish, and the brown colour on the veins reaches to the tip; the femora are entirely red, and without yellow tips.

Thyllis obesa.

Black, anterior and posterior margin of prothorax, sides of mesothorax, scutellum and posterior part of abdominal segments yellowish, wings hyaline, fuscous toward costa. Length 4 lines.

Body finely ashy pubescent, black. Anterior and posterior margin of prothorax, dorsum of mesothorax on both sides with an arcuate marginal vitta and posterior calli before scutellum yellow. Scutellum black, yellow margined. Abdomen swollen, each segment above with terminal belt of yellow. Legs brown, femora from base to beyond middle black. Wings hyaline, costal strip fuscous, abbreviated before apex, rest of costa testaceous. Squamæ whitish hyaline.

In form similar to the two species above, somewhat more finely punctate and in colouring without a mixture of red, therein differing from *Th. crassa*, which also has the hind margin of the prothorax yellow and the lateral bands on dorsum of thorax are simply bowed. The yellow bands on abdomen are all of like size. The wings are coloured as in *Th. crassa*, the veins themselves are, however, not brown, as the bands lying back of them, but brownish yellow.

Thyllis compressa.

Black, thorax compressed, on both sides with a longitudinal brown vitta and a posterior brown spot, abdomen oblong, ferruginous, segments with basal bilobed black spots. Length 3 lines.

Head black, frons a small spot, brown. Thorax gibbous, compressed, above on both sides with a longitudinal stripe, from anterior margin thence gradually attenuated to base of scutellum, almost straight, reddish at termination, before scutellum two small spots, oblong, marked yellow, posterior calli before scutellum yellow vittate. Scutellum thick, bordered rufous, with a median apical yellow spot. Abdomen as the thorax much less highly arched (than usual), oblong, parallel sided, apex rounded, convex above, brown, segments with two dorsal black spots confluent at base, a small intermediate spot of yellow included, the lateral margin and venter all yellow. Legs yellow, femora brown, base fuscous. Wings all fusco-hyaline. Squamæ whitish hyaline.

In the laterally compressed form widely differing from the foregoing species, at first glance appears nearer a *Philopota*.

All four species are from Cape Land. The third is in the Drege collection, the others are from the material sent by Krebs.