

C. T. Brington (1906) new sp. of Braconidae + Chalcididae from N. Queensland bred by F. P. Dodd. p. 125 #30

*Stomatoceras*, Kirby, is another widespread genus occurring in Africa, Japan, and America, and now recorded from Australia.

No. 8. The single specimen of this Chalcidid is too fragile to remove from the card for examination. It probably belongs to the genus *Halticella*.

No. 9. *RHIPIPALLUS AFFINIS*, form. nov.

♂. Head lenticular; clypeus triangular deeply incised anteriorly, front below the antennæ slightly raised, smooth and shining, cheeks face and vertex finely but somewhat obsoletely longitudinally striate; scape of antennæ short smooth and shining, flagellum finely granulose, pilose, the hairs very short, the basal two joints simple, the rest except the apical joint with long slightly clavate rami on each side, two to each joint, apex distinctly incrassate. Thorax densely and somewhat coarsely punctured; scutellum conical produced, the apex terminating in two short teeth; at base a transverse series of foveæ or large shallow punctures; postscutellum and median segment very coarsely cribrate, the latter with two or three irregular more or less vertical carinæ; wings hyaline and iridescent; legs slender. Abdomen smooth and shining, its petiole opaque granulose. Mandibles tibiae and tarsi pale yellowish-brown; coxæ and femora dark blue or black; antennæ dark reddish-brown; head, thorax anteriorly, scutellum and median segment, metallic-green with in certain lights a bronze tint; middle of thorax above entirely coppery-bronze; petiole and abdomen dark metallic-blue.

♀. differs from the ♂ as follows: Clypeus not incised; antennæ moniliform, the joints simple not provided with lateral rami; scutellum not bidentate at apex, at base a deep, broad transverse sulcation within which is situated the transverse series of foveæ so conspicuous in the ♂; petiole of abdomen much shorter, abdomen as in the ♂. Antennæ paler, head and thorax more bronze than green; abdomen a darker blue.

Length ♂ 5; ♀ 4 mm. Exp. ♂ ♀ 9 mm.

♂ ♀ types in the Hope Department, ♂ ♀ co-types in British Museum of Natural History.

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Superficially this form closely resembles the type of the genus (*R. volusus*, Walker), but besides other points of difference it is easily separable by the sculpture of the

thorax, which in *volusus* has the humeral angles of the thorax conspicuously smooth and shining, not coarsely punctured and no carinae on the median segment.

No. 10. *SCHIZASPIDIA DODDI*, form. nov.

♂. Mandibles sickle-shaped with three teeth, apical tooth long acute, two small teeth on the inner margin; clypeus short quadrate with the checks and face below the base of the antennae transversely striate, the striae curving round upwards and becoming vertical behind and between the eyes, vertex longitudinally striate; scape of antennae smooth, flagellum finely granulose, 1st joint simple rounded, remaining joints throwing outwards comparatively short, slightly clavate rami. Thorax: short and stout, densely and somewhat deeply punctured; scutellum: produced elongate conical overhanging the median segment and bearing a stout bifurcate process at apex, the points of the fork blunt with a tooth on the inner side of each; postscutellum and median segment vertical and vertically striate the division between them well marked. Abdomen petiolate, petiole shorter than the rest of the abdomen which is sub-obconical depressed above and broad and bluntly rounded posteriorly. Mandibles, scape of antennae, and coxae, femora, tibiae and tarsi of the legs pale yellowish-brown, flagellum darker brown; head and thorax rich golden bronze with in certain lights scattered green and purple points; wings hyaline iridescent; abdomen shining bronze-brown.

Length ♂ 5 mm. Exp. 12 mm.

♂ type in Hope Department.

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*Schizaspidia*, Westw., is a genus, so far as is recorded, of small extent but wide distribution: forms of it occur in Australia, the Philippines, India, and South America.