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Description of a new Genus of Nitidulidae

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Nitiodes (Nilio; εἶδος; aspectus.)

Corporis forma inter Cassida et Nilio. Subrotundatus, subdepressus, opaco-subsericeus, subpapillosum, disco parum elevatus, crinibus longis erectis obtectus, elytris singulis ut in Amphicrossus fasciculo crinium medio instructis. Epistoma parum proji- cians. Labrum transversum, subquadratum. Mandibulae breves, simplices, subtus excavatae; palpi breves, subcylindrici. Antennae articulo primo magno, 2—8 tenuibus, 2 6 longitudine fere aequalibus, 7—8 minoribus, clava compressa obovata, articulo 9—11 composita. Oculi sat magni. Thorax angulis omnibus late rotundatis, apice fortiter emarginatus, angulis anticis valde prominulis, lateribus late deplanatis, translucen- tibus. Scutellum minutum. Elytra rotundata, angulis anticis rectis. Pedes sat tenues, tarsi articulo ultimo elongato.

Nitiodes bipenicillatus: Like a minute *Mesomphalia*, an appearance a good deal owing to the sides of the thorax being broadly explanate and to a tuft of black hairs standing up near the suture about the middle of the elytra, as in *Amphicrossus*, which give the elytra the appearance of having a raised boss in the middle. In other respects it looks like *Nilio*. It is dark reddish brown, with a sericeous surface bearing a number of faint papillae or tufts as in some species of *Nilio* and thinly clothed with black erect hairs. The elytra are here and there irregularly impressed, particularly behind the minute scutellum; there are three or four undistinct indications of striae. The under side and legs are a little paler and more reddish in colour. — Long. $1\frac{1}{4}'''$, lat. $1\frac{1}{3}'''$.

Amazon. A single specimen captured by Mr. Bates, now in the British Museum.

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