

New species of the genus *Stenobothrus* Fisch. from the Ural.

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Stenobothrus insolitus sp. nov.

♂. Similar to *Stenobothrus nigromaculatus* H. Sch. Smaller. Head as broad as pronotum. Antennae only a little longer than head and pronotum together; their middle joints half as long again as broad. Fastigium of the vertex short, flat, with rounded apical angle and with obsolete longitudinal keel anteriorly. Foveolae of the vertex slightly impressed with margins very obtuse, obsolescent anteriorly. Frontal ridge in profile slightly convex forms a broadly rounded angle with fastigium; its surface almost flat, punctured throughout; its margins obtuse, diverging, from the ocellum to the clypeus, obliterate. Pronotum rounded, with slightly roundly prominent hind margin. Lateral carinae very feebly roundly inflexed in prozona, in metazona almost parallel, pointed towards the hind margin of pronotum. Typical transversal sulcus placed in the middle of the disc. Lateral lobes of pronotum almost quite flat behind. Elytra very narrow, lanceolate, separated at the back, reaching a little beyond the middle of hind femora. Subcostal and radial veins closely approximated, parallel, fields between them very narrow. Median vein united in the first part with radial, farther on distinctly diverging from it. Discoidal field broad, in the middle parallel-sided, with regular transverse veinlets. Cubital and first anal veins united. Hind femora slender. Anal plate elongate-triangular, flat, with a feeble longitudinal impression at the base. Subgenital plate small, recurved, obtuse.

General coloration as in *St. nigromaculatus*. Front yellowish-brown. Behind the eyes a dark broad stripe with longitudinal yellow line in the middle. Vertex and occiput with two longitudinal velvety-brown, narrow stripes. Lateral carinae of pronotum straw-coloured, crossing the velvety-black longitudi-

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nal fasciae. Discoidal area of elytra with three or four large black spots. Hind femora brownish above, yellow below, with dark irregular external fasciae. Hind tibiae yellow.

Length of body — 16 mm.

Length of pronotum — 3 mm.

Length of elytra — 6,5 mm.

Length of hind femora — 9,5 mm.

Type, male, from the village Agapovsky, distr. Troizk, Ural prov. collected by the author 26. VI. 1927; one male, paratype, from the same place, 22. VI. 1927. The type and paratype are preserved in the Zoological Museum of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Leningrad.

These two specimens of *Stenobothrus* collected in the Stipa-steppe seven versts East from village Agapovsky are very closely related to *Stenobothrus nigromaculatus* H. Sch., but they can be easily distinguished from the latter by the following characters: short antennae, form of middle joints, short elytra and their venation and the shape of anal plate.

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