

On a new Thynnid wasp from Paraguay.

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Spilothynnus horni (sp. n.): ♂. Niger; mandibulis dimidio basali, clypeo, pronoto margine anteriore, tegulis, mesopleuris antice linea supra dilatata, mesonoto linea utrinque post tegulis, scutello fascia mediana, postscutello, segmento mediano dimidio apicali, tergitis primo secundoque fascia angusta apicali, tertio quartoque fascia angusta interrupta, femoribus subtus linea, tibiis tarsisque flavis; alis fusco-hyalinis, anticis area costali valde infumatis.

Var. ♂. Niger; pronoto margine anteriore angustissime, pedibusque ut in forma typica flavis.

Long. 13—16 mm.

♂. Mandibles bidentate, the outer tooth longer than the inner; clypeus short, with a narrow and deep incision in the middle, the angles of the incision produced into acute black teeth. Antennae a little longer than the thorax and median segment combined, the four apical joints slightly arcuate, the interantennal prominence bilobed. Head opaque, finely and very closely punctured and clothed with short fulvous hairs, posterior ocelli more than half as far again from the eyes as from each other. Mesothorax and median segment finely and very closely punctured; pronotum, scutellum and postscutellum much more sparsely punctured. Tergites more coarsely, but rather shallowly punctured, much more sparsely on the two basal tergites than on the others; first tergite longer than its apical breadth, the other tergites much broader than long. Sternites 2—5 shining, rather closely punctured on the basal portion which is divided by an impressed transverse line from the very sparsely punctured apical portion, the latter is depressed at the apex and along the median line. Hypopygium linguiform. Second recurrent nervure received at about one sixth from the base of the third cubital cell, second and third abscissae of the radius long, each much longer than the fourth; the first very short, almost obsolete.

Hab. Villa Rica, Paraguay; October to December. (R. Meyer).

Type and Cotype Deutsches Entomologisches Museum. Cotype retained in British Museum. The yellow markings on the variety referred to above have almost entirely disappeared, colour in this and allied genera, being very variable in some species, cannot be relied on for specific distinctions.

Spilothynnus rhombica Bréthes. *Elaphroptera rhombica* Bréthes: Ann. Mus. Buenos Aires XX p. 216, 1910.

One pair taken at Catamarca in December.