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Abstract

A key to species and descriptions are presented for 14 species of the New World genus *Crassomicrodus* Ashmead. Seven new species, *C. azteca*, *C. clypealis*, *C. costaricensis*, *C. jalisciensis*, *C. mariae*, *C. oaxaquensis*, and *C. olgae* are described. *C. fenestratus* (Viereck) is synonymized with *C. nigriceps* (Cresson). *C. melanopleurus* (Ashmead) is recognized as a valid species.

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Keywords

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Introduction

The agathidine wasp genus *Crassomicrodus* was erected by Ashmead (1900), with the type species *Microdus fulvescens* (Cresson, 1865). A few years later Bradley (1916) pointed out that *Microdus divisus* (Cresson, 1873), the type species of *Epimicrodus* (Ashmead, 1900), shared many characters with the designated type of *Crassomicrodus*, and therefore synonymized *Epimicrodus* Ashmead under *Crassomicrodus*. Members of *Crassomicrodus* are characterized by a short ovipositor, tarsal claws without basal lobes, and the lack of pegs near the apex of the lateral surface of the hind tibia. *Crassomicrodus* is closely related with the genus *Agathirsia* Westwood (Pucci and Sharkey 2004). The original placement of *Crassomicrodus* and *Agathirsia* in the tribe Agathidini was proposed by Sharkey (1992) but recently Sharkey et al. (2006), using both molecular and morphological data sets, proposed the tentative inclusion of these genera in the tribe Earinini.

Prior to this publication *Crassomicrodus* contained eight species recognized (Muesebeck et al. 1951, Shenefelt 1970, Marsh and Carlson 1979, Figueroa et al. 2008). Previous to 2008 there were nine nominal species but Figueroa et al. (2008) synonymized *C. medius* Cresson under *C. fulvescens*. Six species were included in the Hymenoptera of America North of Mexico (Muesebeck 1927). One species was described from Puerto Rico (Viereck 1913), and Marsh (1960) added one species collected in the U.S.A. Other nominal species, such as *C. nigricaudos* (Viereck 1905) and *C. pumilus = Epimicrodus pumilus* (Szépligeti 1913, Brues 1926) were included in the genus, but these were misidentified. *C. nigricaudos* was transferred to *Agathirsia* by Muesebeck (1927), and *Epimicrodus pumilus* was transferred to the genus *Bassus* by Pucci and Sharkey (2004). According to Sharkey (1997) species of *Crassomicrodus* are restricted to the New World, and can be found from southern of Canada to Costa Rica, although in this study we found one species from Colombia. *Autographa californica* (Speyer), a lepidopteran, is the unique host record for *Crassomicrodus*, i.e., *C. fulvescens* (Cresson) (Sharkey 1997, Figueroa et al. 2008).

In this revision, we redescribe seven species, describe seven new species of *Crassomicrodus*, and synonymize *C. nigriceps* under *C. fenestratus*. We also recognize *C. melano pleurus* as a valid species and provide an identification key for all species of *Crassomicrodus*.

Materials and methods

Species treatments. Descriptions of all included species are based on all material examined. All measurements were performed using a micrometer adapted to an Iroscope microscope and are given in millimeters. Terminology used for the species descriptions follows Sharkey and Wharton (1997) and Sharkey (2006) and for microsculpture of
surface we follow Eady (1968) and Sharkey and Wharton (1997). Data labels were transcribed to a database in the Program Paradox Version 4.5 and the information is presented in a standardized format organized by country and state or province. All photographs were taken using a Leica MZ 16 stereoscope equipped with JVC KY-F75 3CCD digital camera and were prepared using an Auto-Montage imaging system.

Specimens sources. For this revisión were borrowed the types of C. apicipennis Muesebeck, C. divisus (Cresson), C. fenestratus Viereck, C. fulvescens (Cresson), C. medius (Cresson), C. muesebecki Marsh, C. nigriceps (Cresson), C. nigritorax Muesebeck, C. pallens (Cresson), Microdus melanopleurus Ashmead and Orgilus rileyi Ashmead. Paratypes, homotypes and additional specimens were provided from the following institutions: American Entomological Institute Collection, Florida (AEIC); American Museum of Natural History, New York (AMNH); Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (ANSP); California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco (CAS); Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Nuevo León (CIBE-UANL); Canadian National Collection, Ottawa (CNC); Cornell University Insect Collections, New York (CUIC); Essig Museum of Entomology, University of California, California (EMEC); University of Wyoming, Wyoming (ESUW); Florida State Collection of Arthropods, Florida (FSCA); Hymenoptera Institute Collection, University of Kentucky, Kentucky (HIC); Instituto de Biología, Universidad Autónoma de México (IBUNAM); Fundación e Instituto Miguel Lillo, Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, Argentina (IMLA); Illinois Natural History Survey, Illinois (INHS); Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales Agrícolas y Pecuarias, Guanajuato (INIFAP); University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin (IRCW); Kansas State University Collection, Kansas (KSUC); Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University (MCZ); Michigan State University Collection, Michigan (MSUC); Museo de la Universidad de Costa Rica (MUCR); Ohio State University, Ohio (OSU); Texas A & M University, Texas (TAMU); Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán (UADY); The Bohart Museum of Entomology, University of California-Davis, California (UCDC); University of Colorado Museum, Colorado (UCMC); University of California-Riverside, California (UCR); Enns Entomology Museum, University of Missouri-Columbia, Missouri (UMRM); University of Minnesota-St. Paul, Minnesota (UMSP); Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington (USNM).

Descriptions and keys

Genus Crassomicrodus Ashmead, 1900
http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus

Crassomicrodus Ashmead 1900. Type species Microdus fulvescens Cresson 1865, designated by Ashmead 1900 [Examined].

Epimicrodus Ashmead 1900. Type species Microdus divisus Cresson 1873, designated by Ashmead 1900 [Examined].
Crassomicrodus Ashmead = (Epimicrodus Ashmead) synonymized by Bradley 1916.

**Diagnosis.** Crassomicrodus species can be distinguished from other agathidines with the following combination of characters: simple tarsal claws, without basal lobes, apicolateral pegs of the hind tibia are hair-like, labio-maxillary complex not elongate; mandible with two teeth; and metasomal tergum 1 smooth.

**Description.** Head. Transverse or triangular; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation or transverse; gena not bulging to distinctly bulging; labio-maxillary complex not elongate, mandible with two teeth, antenna with 25 to 43 flagellomeres.

**Mesosoma.** Pronotum surface smooth or punctuate; notauli from lacking to impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum with or without a small acute projection; lateral scutellar depression from smooth to crenulate; dorsal surface of propodeum from rugulose to reticulate rugose; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by a wide or narrow groove; metapleuron from smooth to reticulate rugose; inner spur of hind tibia from 0.47 to 0.78 times longer than basitarsus; tarsal claw without basal lobe; outer apex of the hind tibia without flattened pegs; forewing vein R1 0.47–0.70 times longer than RS; crossvein r arising before or beyond middle of stigma. Metasoma. Metasomal median tergite 1 smooth; apical width 1.78–3.92 times longer than basal width; ovipositor sheaths and ovipositor variable in length; metasoma 1.00–1.42 times longer than mesosoma.

**Key to the New World species of Crassomicrodus Ashmead**

1. Head triangular in frontal view (Figs 2a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 10a, 12a, 14a); gena not bulging; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation (Figs 2a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 10a, 12a, 14a); length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit (Fig. 1a, 8a) ..............................2
   - Head transverse in frontal view (Figs 1a, 3a, 7a, 8a, 9a, 11a, 13a), if somewhat triangular then length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus longer than diameter of tentorial pit (Fig. 3a); gena bulging or at least slightly bulging (Figs 1a, 3a, 7a, 8a, 9a, 11a, 13a); area between antennal sockets variable in shape .................................................................10

2(1) Malar space at least 0.8 times as long as eye height (Figs 5a, 14a) ...............3
   - Malar space at most 0.6 times as long as eye height (Figs 2a, 4a, 6a, 10a, 12a) .................................................................4

3(2) Scutellar sulcus with 3 or 4 carinae; second submarginal cell quadrangular; fore and middle legs black; body length 6.95–8.60 mm..C. divisus (Cresson)
   - Scutellar sulcus with 1 carina; second submarginal cell triangular; fore and middle legs yellowish-orange; body length 4.20–6.48 mm...........................C. pallens (Cresson)

4(2) Forewing vein R1 at most half the length of RS; head yellowish-orange (Fig. 14a) .................................................................C. pallens (Cresson)
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5(4) Forewing vein R1 at least 0.6 times longer than RS; head black (Fig. 4a) .... 5

5(4) Hind wing vein 1M less 1.0 times as long as 1r-m; body black; wings strongly infumate (Fig. 4e); body length at least 8.1 mm........... C. costaricensis sp. n.

– Hind wing vein 1M at least 1.4 times as long as 1r-m; body at least with some areas yellowish-orange or yellowish-red (Figs 2d, 6e, 12e), if body dark then body length less than 7.9 mm; wings at most slightly infumate (Fig. 10e)... 6

6(5) Head and mesosoma black (Figs 2d, 12e); posterior surface of antennal sockets at least slightly rugulose ......................................................... 7

– Head and mesosoma usually with some areas yellowish-orange or yellowish-red (Figs 6cde, 10cde), if entirely black then the posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth (Fig. 10b) ..................................................... 9

7(6) Subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by a wide groove (Fig. 6c); body length 7.10–7.65 mm; 38–40 flagellomeres ................................. 8

– Subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by a narrow groove (Fig. 2c); body length 5.20–5.50 mm; 31–33 flagellomeres .................. C. azteca sp. n.

8(7) Hind legs black (Fig. 12e); wings hyaline; posterior area of antennal sockets rugulose (Fig. 12b) .......................................................... C. oaxaquensis sp. n.

– Hind femora yellowish-orange (Fig. 6e); wings slightly infumate; posterior area of antennal sockets rugose (Fig. 6b) ...................... C. jalisciensis sp. n.

9(6) Setae length on body surface slightly similar to setae length at base of mandible (6ac); posterior surface of antennal sockets rugose (Fig. 6b); frons deeply excavated; pronotum punctulate (Fig. 6c); propodeum reticulate rugulose ....

.......................................................... C. jalisciensis sp. n.

– Setae length on body surface distinctly smaller than setae length at base of mandible (Figs 10 ac); posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth (Fig. 10b); frons excavated; pronotum smooth (Fig. 10c); propodeum rugose......

.......................................................... C. nigriceps (Cresson)

10(1) Area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation (Figs 3a, 7a) ................................................................. 11

– Area between antennal sockets at least weakly transverse or with a median elevation in trapezoidal shape (Figs 1a, 8a, 9a, 11 a, 13a) ................. 14

11(10) Frons at least slightly excavated (Figs 3ab, 8ab); notauli impressed (Figs 3d, 8d); forewing M+CU pigmented over most its length; 34–41 flagellomeres...

.......................................................... 12

– Frons not excavated (Figs 7ab); notauli not impressed (Fig. 7d); forewing M+CU unpigmented over most its length; 25–28 flagellomeres..........

.......................................................... C. mariae sp. n.

12(11) Length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit (Fig. 8a) ................................................................. 13

– Length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus distinctly longer than diameter of tentorial pit (Fig. 3a) ........................................... C. clypealis sp. n.
13(12) Inner spur of hind tibia distinctly longer than half of basitarsus length (0.60–0.72); gena bulging (Fig. 8a); lateral depression of scutellum smooth, only its ventral edge with small punctures ................. **C. melanopleurus Ashmead**

– Inner spur of hind tibia less than half length of basitarsus (a few specimens with the spur at most reaching 0.54 times); gena distinctly bulging; lateral depression of scutellum rugose and fovelate ............ **C. fulvescens** (Cresson)

14(10) Head and mesosoma black; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection ................................................................................................................... 15

– Head and mesosoma at least with some areas yellowish-orange or yellowish-red (Figs 1acde); anterolateral edges of scutellum with small acute projection (Fig. 1df) ........................................................................................................... **C. apicipennis** Muesebeck

15(14) Notauli not impressed over most of mesoscutum (Fig. 9c); metasoma black; setae at base of mandible similar in size to setae on rest of body surface (9ad); length of setae in scutellar disk 0.18 to 0.20 mm; ovipositor sheaths of female at least 1.83 mm in length ................................................ **C. muesebecki** Marsh

– Notauli impressed over most of mesoscutum (Fig. 11c, 13d); metasoma yellowish-orange (Figs 11e, 13e); setae at base of mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of body surface (11ad, 13ac); length of setae in scutellar disk less than 0.17 mm; ovipositor sheaths of female at most 0.22 mm in length ... 16

16(15) Area between antennal sockets with a median elevation in trapezoidal shape (Fig. 13a); gena distinctly bulging (Fig. 13a); malar space 0.54–0.59 times longer than eye height; 31–34 flagellomeres; body length 6.70–7.08 mm ..... ............................................................................................................................... **C. olgae** sp. n.

– Area between antennal sockets with a median transverse elevation (Fig. 11a); gena bulging (Fig. 11a); malar space 0.38–0.47 times longer than eye height; 28–31 flagellomeres; body length 3.95–5.35 mm ... **C. nigrithorax** Muesebeck

### Species descriptions of *Crassomicrodus*

*Crassomicrodus apicipennis* Muesebeck, 1927

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Fig. 1a–f

*Crassomicrodus apicipennis* Muesebeck 1927: 18–19

**Holotype female.** Mount Hood, Oregon [USA]. Cat. No. 28695 (USNM).

**Description female.** Body. Length. 4.90–5.97 mm. Color (Fig. 1e). Integument black except yellowish-orange as follows, basal area of mandible, pronotum, mesonotum, subalar lobe, tegula, metasoma, femora, basal area of hind tibia, anterior and middle tibia and tarsomeres; mandible apex, basal area of hind tibia; tarsomeres blackish; wing veins dark brown; forewing infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. Specimens range from black to yellowish-
Figure 1. Crassomicrodus apicipennis. Female **a** anterior view of head, arrow indicates a median transverse elevation with two weakly defined lateral tubercles, ventrolateral margin of clypeus, and tentorial pit **b** dorsal view of head, arrow indicates groove between lateral ocelli with small foveolae **c** lateral view of mesosoma, arrows indicate pronotum and metapleuron **d** dorsal view of mesosoma, arrows indicate anterolateral edge of scutellum and propodeum **e** female habitus **f** dorsal view of scutellum, arrow indicates anterolateral edge of scutellum with a small acute projection.
orange on the head, propleuron, metanotum, propodeum, mesopleuron, metapleuron and hind coxa. Head (Fig. 1ab). Transverse in frontal view; face dorsomedially with weak longitudinal ridge in most specimens; eye height/width = 1.31–1.35; eye height 0.65–0.68× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median transverse elevation and two weakly defined tubercles; frons deeply excavated and rugulose with small foveolae; posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth; groove between lateral ocelli with small foveolae; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by groove with small foveolae; gena bulging; malar space 0.48–0.55× as long as eye height; clausus (anterior view) 2.29–2.33× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 29–32 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 1c–f). Pronotum smooth; lateral pronotal margins with weakly crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum with a small acute projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.16 to 0.17 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression rugose and foveolate; carinae of central metanotal area forming a triangular cell; propodeum reticulate rugose, more pronounced on lateral margins; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by narrow rugulose groove, width distinctly of shorter than subalar lobe; metapleuron rugose with reticulate-foveolae. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.76–0.83× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.59–0.69× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.18–1.25× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.00–2.21× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 3.38–4.12× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.46–2.51; stigma 2.69–3.50× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.60–0.66× as long as vein RS; vein RS sinuate; vein r arising slightly before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.07–0.13 mm long; vein M+CU distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.37–3.52; hind wing vein 1M 1.65–1.80× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 4–5 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 2.90–3.21× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.58–0.60× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.17–0.30 mm.

**Male.** Similar to female.

**Host.** Unknown.

**Distribution.** Canada, Mexico, and USA.

**Diagnosis.** Distinguished from other *Crassomicrodus* species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median transverse elevation, anterolateral edges of scutellum with a small acute projection, groove between lateral ocelli with small foveolae, and head and mesosoma black with some areas yellowish-orange.

**Remark.** This species is near to *C. nigrithorax*, but differs in that *C. nigrithorax* has the mesosoma black; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; eye height 0.69–0.70× inter-ocular distance; malar space 0.38–0.47× longer than eye height; inner spur of middle tibia 0.89–0.95× length of basitarsus; and scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.14 to 0.15 mm in length.

**Material examined.** Holotype ♀: USA, Oregon: Mt. Hood. Collection Ashmead (USNM). Allotype ♂: same data as type (USNM). Homotype ♀: USA, Iowa: Iowa Co.,

**Crassomicrodus azteca** Figueroa, Romero & Sharkey, sp. n.

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Fig. 2a–d

**Description female.** Body. Length. 5.20–5.50 mm. Color (Fig. 2d). Integument black except yellowish-orange as follows, medial area of mandible, tegula, femora, anterior and middle tibiae and tarsomeres, and metasoma; eyes silver; ocelli translucent honey yellow; wing veins dark brown; forewing slightly infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. In some specimens the first metasomal tergite blackish. Head (Fig. 2ab). Triangular in frontal view; face with weak longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.43–1.45; eye height 0.59–0.63× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation; frons excavated with a pair of microfoveolate grooves that diverge towards the ocellar area; posterior surface of antennal sockets slightly rugulose; groove between lateral ocelli smooth; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena not bulging; malar space 0.60–0.63× as long as eye height; clypeus 2.27–2.35× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 31–33 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible slightly longer than setae on rest of body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 2bcd). Pronotum punctulate with setae; lateral pronotal margins with a shallow, crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.13 to 0.14 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression smooth, sometimes with microfoveolate grooves in its ventral and dorsal margins; carinae of central metanotal area almost circular shaped, sometimes triangular; propodeum reticulate rugose with abundant setae in its lateral areas; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by narrow rugulose groove, width distinctly of smaller size than the subalar lobe; metapleuron reticulate rugulose in its ventral half and smooth in its dorsal half. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.65–0.70× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.58–0.64× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.05–1.16× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.41–2.67× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 3.50–4.00× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.50–2.55; stigma 3.00–3.23× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.61–0.68× as
long as vein RS; vein RS slightly straight; vein r arising before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.07–0.12 mm long; vein M+CU weakly pigmented in 0.75 of its basal length; hind wing length/width = 3.37–3.38; hind wing vein 1M 1.44–1.70× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 4–5 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 3.46–3.71× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.53–0.59× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.13–0.28 mm.

**Male.** Similar to female, but the posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth.
Host. Copitarsia sp. (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae) in Brassica oleraceae L. (cauliflower).

Distribution. Mexico.

Diagnosis. Distinguished from other Crassomicrodus species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation, malar space 0.60–0.63× as long as eye height, setae at base of mandible slightly longer than setae on rest of body surface, body length 5.20–5.50 mm, head and mesosoma black, and forewing slightly infumate.

Remarks. This species is similar to C. nigrithorax, but differs in that C. nigrithorax has gena bulging; area between antennal sockets with a median transverse elevation; groove between lateral ocelli with small foveolae; and malar space 0.38–0.47× longer than eye height.

Etymology. The specific epithet is a noun in apposition to Crassomicrodus, which is reference to some of the indigenous people of Mexico.


Crassomicrodus clypealis Figueroa, Sharkey & Romero, sp. n.

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Fig. 3a–e

Description female. Body. Length. 7.38–7.50 mm. Color (Fig. 3c). Integument yellowish-orange except black as follows, mandible apex, head, antenna, propleuron, mesopleuron, metapleuron, metanotum, propodeum, coxa and trochanters; ocelli translucent honey yellow; apical area of hind tibia, middle and hind tarsomeres black-
ish; wing veins dark brown; forewing strongly infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. Head (Fig. 3ab). Transverse in frontal view; face with weak longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.38–1.43; eye height 0.68–0.70× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation and two weakly defined tubercles; frons deeply excavated with a pair of microfoveolate grooves that diverge towards the ocellar area; posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth; groove between lateral ocelli smooth; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena slightly bulging; malar space 0.46–0.48× as long as eye height; clypeus 2.40–2.42× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus distinctly longer than diameter of ten-
torial pit; antenna with 38–39 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 3cde). Pronotum smooth; lateral pronotal margins with weakly crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.07 to 0.08 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression with punctures and foveolae; carinae of central metanotal area in triangular shaped; propodeum reticulate rugose; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by narrow rugulose groove, width distinctly shorter than the subalar lobe; metapleuron reticulate rugulose or reticulate punctures. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.69–0.72× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.55–0.58× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.15–1.23× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.25–2.30× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 3.56–3.78× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.42–2.50; stigma 2.88–3.00× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.58–0.62× as long as vein RS; vein RS sinuate; vein r arising slightly before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.06–0.09 mm long; vein M+CU distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 2.91–3.15; hind wing vein 1M 1.35–1.43× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 6–7 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 2.82–3.14× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.56–0.64× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.35–0.37 mm.

Male. Similar to female, except antenna with 36 to 41 flagellomeres and pronotum may be slightly melanic.

Host. Unknown.

Distribution. USA.

Diagnosis. Distinguished from other Crassomicrodus species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation, length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus distinctly longer than diameter of tentorial pit, and gena slightly bulging.

Remarks. This species is near to male of C. fulvescens, but differs in that C. fulvescens has the length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to the diameter of the tentorial pit; gena distinctly bulging; and forewing infumate with a large hyaline spot in first submarginal cell.

Etymology. Named “clypealis” to emphasize that the ventral margin of the clypeus is longer than the diameter of each tentorial pit.

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Crassomicrodus costaricensis Figueroa, Sharkey & Romero, sp. n.
urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:B9743BFC-4824-494E-BD02-B19BCBF66134
http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_costaricensis
Fig. 4a–e

Description female. Body. Length. 8.10–8.70 mm. Color (Fig. 4e). Integument black except eye silver, ocelli translucent yellow (Fig. 1d); medial area of mandible yellow-reddish; metasoma dark brown; forewing strongly infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. Head (Fig. 4ab). Triangular in frontal view; face with longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.41–1.42; eye height (lateral view) 0.75–0.77× inter-ocular distance (anterior view); area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation; frons excavated with a little longitudinal groove; posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth; groove between lateral ocelli smooth; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena not bulging; malar space 0.47–0.51× as long as eye height; clypeus 2.13–2.32× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 41 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 4cde). Pronotum punctulate with setae; lateral pronotal margins with a shallow, crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.12 to 0.14 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression smooth with punctures or rugosities in its ventral border; carinae of central metanotal area almost circular shaped; propodeum reticulate rugulose, more pronounced on lateral margins; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by wide rugulose groove, width almost of similar size to subalar lobe; metapleuron smooth, only reticulate rugulose one-fourth of ventral area. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.76–0.89× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.62–0.72× length of basitarsus; meta-basitarsus 1.02–1.18× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.04–2.38× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 4.07–4.17× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.58; stigma 4.54–5.00× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.60–0.64× as long as vein RS; vein RS sinuate; vein r arising before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.13–0.20 mm long; vein M+CU distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.48–3.65; hind wing vein 1M 1.01–1.08× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 6–7 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 2.86–2.91× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.49–0.59× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.28–0.41 mm.

Male. Unknown.

Host. Unknown.


Diagnosis. Distinguished from other Crassomicrodus species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation, eye height 0.75–0.77× inter-ocular distance, antenna with 41 flagellomeres,
body length 8.10 to 8.70 mm, hind wing vein 1M 1.01–1.08× longer than 1r-m, head and mesosoma black, metasoma dark brown, and wings strongly infumate.

**Remark.** Specimens from Costa Rica are homogeneous in their measurements, but the specimen from El Salvador differs significantly. Nonetheless it is considered conspecific here due to similarity in other characters. More specimens and molecular data should easily test this hypothesis in the future.

**Etymology.** The specific name is a noun in apposition to *Crassomicrodus* and is chosen because of the locality where the holotype was collected, Costa Rica.

**Material examined.** **Holotype ♀:** COSTA RICA, Guanacaste: Barra Honda NP, VI/1988, 200 m., Gauld & Mitchel, deposited in MUCR. Paratypes: 1 ♀ same data as holotype (MUCR); **Guanacaste:** Scrub forest (7yr), Open site, 1 ♀ 22/VI/1985, Gauld & Janzen, 300 m. (HIC). **EL SALVADOR, [La Unión]:** Vol. Conchagua, 1 ♀; 27–29/V/1958, Cartwright O.L. (MUCR).
**Crassomicrodus divisus** (Cresson, 1873)
http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_divisus
Fig. 5a–e

**Microdus divisus** Cresson 1873: 52 [Examined].
**Orgilus rileyi** Ashmead 1888: 640 [Examined].
**Epimicrodus divisus** Ashmead 1900: 129.

**Holotype female.** Illinois [USA]. No. 1726.1 (ANSP).

**Description female.** Body. Length. 6.95–8.60 mm. Color (Fig. 5e). Integument black except reddish yellow as follows, pronotum, mesonotum, subalar lobe, tegulae, hind femora, and metasoma; mandible and wing veins dark brown; eye silver or blackish; ocelli translucent yellow; forewing infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. Rarely, central area of mesopleuron or hind coxa or propodeum and metapleuron reddish yellow. Head (Fig. 5ab). Triangular in frontal view; face with longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.38–1.40; eye height 0.57–0.58× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation, sometimes with two weakly defined tubercles; frons excavated with a pair of microfoveolate grooves that diverge towards the ocellar area; posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth; groove between lateral ocelli smooth; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena not bulging; malar space 0.78–0.83× as long as eye height; clypeus 1.85–1.95× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 32–35 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of body surface.

**Mesosoma** (Fig. 5cde). Pronotum reticulate rugulose, sometimes strigose; lateral pronotal margins with a shallow, crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; scutellar disc slightly convex with sparse setae from 0.10 to 0.11 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and flattened; lateral scutellar depression reticulate rugulose and foveolae; carinae of central metanotal area forming a triangular cell; propodeum reticulate rugose; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by wide rugose groove with reticulate foveolae, width almost of similar size to subalar lobe; metapleuron reticulate-rugose. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.67–0.71× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.59–0.68× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.21–1.29× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.17–2.27× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 3.91–4.22× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.56–2.60; stigma 3.27–3.70× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.59–0.64× as long as vein RS; vein RS not sinuate; vein r arising before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell quadrangular, with petiole 0.12–0.21 mm long; vein M+CU distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.25–3.51; hind wing vein 1M 1.52–1.60× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 6–7 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 3.10–3.13× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.61–0.63× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.33–0.41 mm.
**Male.** Unknown.

**Host.** Unknown.

**Distribution.** Canada, Mexico, and USA.

**Diagnosis.** Distinguished from other *Crassomicrodus* species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation, malar space 0.78–0.83× as long as eye height, scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and flattened, head black and mesosoma mostly black with some areas reddish yellow.

**Remarks.** Males of *C. divisus* were not found in this revision, although Muesebeck (1927) recorded them. We carefully examined long series from diverse localities to find them but without success. Therefore we speculate that males of this species are absent or very rare.

**Figure 5.** *Crassomicrodus divisus*. Female **a** anterior view of head, arrow indicates a median pyramidal-shaped elevation **b** dorsal view of head **c**. dorsal view of mesosoma **d** lateral view of mesosoma, arrow indicates subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by wide groove **e**. female habitus.

*Crassomicrodus fulvescens* (Cresson, 1865)
http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_fulvescens

*Microdus fulvescens* Cresson 1865: 297 [Examined].
*Microdus medius* Cresson 1865: 298 [Examined].

**Holotype female.** Col. No. 1727.1 (ANSP).

This species was recently investigated by Figueroa et al. (2008), who found that *C. medius*, based on males only, is conspecific with *C. fulvescens*, which was based entirely on females.

*Crassomicrodus jalisciensis* Figueroa, Romero & Sharkey, sp. n.
urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:E141B22C-E1E6-458A-A817-9550A6ED2FDA
http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_jalisciensis
Fig. 6a–e

**Description female.** Body. Length. 7.35–7.50 mm. Color (Fig. 6e). Integument yellowish orange except black as follows, face, frons, gena temple, vertex, antenna, mandible apex, propleuron, ventral area of mesopleuron, apical area of hind tibia and tarsomeres; eye silver or blackish, ocelli translucent yellow; blackish; wing veins dark brown; forewing infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. Sometimes trochanters blackish and/or propleuron yellowish orange. Head (Fig. 6ab). Triangular in frontal view; face without longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.34–1.45; eye height 0.59–0.61× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation; frons deeply excavated and crenulate with a pair of microfoveolate grooves that diverge towards the ocellar area; posterior surface of antennal sockets rugulose; groove between lateral ocelli smooth; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena not bulging; malar space 0.58–0.63× as long as eye height; clypeus 2.40–2.50× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 38–40 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible slightly longer than setae on rest of body surface; face setose. Mesosoma (Fig.
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6cde). Pronotum strigose; lateral pronotal margins with weakly crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.13 to 0.15 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression punctulate; carinae of central metanotal area almost pentagonal shaped with the top inverted; propodeum reticulate rugulose; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by wide rugulose groove, width almost of similar size to subalar lobe; metapleuron reticulate-rugulose. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.69–0.78×

![Figure 6. *Crassomicrodus jalisciensis*. Female](image)

- a) anterior view of head, arrow indicates a median pyramidal-shaped elevation
- b) dorsal view of head, arrow indicates posterior surface of antennal sockets rugulose
- c) lateral view of mesosoma, arrows indicate pronotum and subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by wide groove
- d) dorsal view of mesosoma
- e) female habitus.
length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.61–0.78× length of basitarsus; metabasitar-
sus 1.24–1.26× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.50–2.63× long-
er than basitarsus; hind femur length 4.54–4.76× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing
length/width = 2.72–3.02; stigma 3.45–3.57× longer than maximum width; forewing
vein R1 0.63–0.69× as long as vein RS; vein RS sinuate; vein r arising before middle of
stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.09–0.11 mm long; vein M+CU
distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.76–4.11; hind wing vein
1M 1.56–1.64× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 5–6 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width
of petiole (tergum 1) 3.07–3.23× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole
0.54–0.58× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.30–0.33 mm.

**Male.** Similar to female except color as follows: head, propleuron, pronotum, scutel-
lum, metanotum, propodeum, mesopleuron, subalar lobe, metapleuron, coxae and tro-
chanters black; inner spur of middle tibia almost half length of basitarsus (0.55×).

**Host.** Unknown

**Distribution.** Mexico.

**Diagnosis.** Distinguished from other *Crassomicrodus* species by the following combi-
nation of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped ele-
vation, posterior surface of antennal sockets rugulose, face setose, setae at base of mandible
slightly longer than setae on rest of body surface, subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron
by wide rugulose groove, and mesosoma mostly yellowish orange with wings infumate.

**Remark.** This species is near *C. oaxaquensis*, but differs in that *C. oaxaquensis* has
the mesosoma black; wings hyaline; face with a weak longitudinal ridge dorsomedial-
ly; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation and two
weakly defined tubercles. One specimen of *C. jalisciensis* has the head and mesosoma
black, but differs from *C. oaxaquensis* by leg and wing coloration.

**Etymology.** *C. jalisciensis* refers to the state of Jalisco, where all specimens have
been found.

**Material examined.** Holotype ♀: MEXICO, Jalisco: 9 miles W Tepatitlán, El
Refugio, 3/VII/1953, C. Vaurie & P. Vaurie. Allotype ♂: same data as holotype. Para-
types: 2 ♀ same data as holotype; Guadalajara, 1 ♀ 23–28/VII/1965, H.E. Evans
(MCZ); 8 miles S Guadalajara, 1 ♀ 10/VII/1963, Parker F.D. & L.A. Stange (USNM);
Guadalajara, 2 ♂ 16/VII/1951, 2 ♂ 1 ♀ 17/VII/1951, Evans H.E. (AEIC). Holotype
and allotype and paratypes with same data deposited in AMNH.

*Crassomicrodus mariae* Figueroa, Sharkey & Romero, sp. n.  
urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:D958480B-3DC0-4377-95BB-AB49F0B381F8  
http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_mariae  
Fig. 7a–e

**Description female.** Body. Length. 5.13–5.38 mm. Color (Fig. 7e). Integument black
except yellowish-orange as follows, basal area of mandible, tegulae, femora, fore and
middle tibia; medial area of hind tibia pale yellow; ocelli translucent yellow; apical
area of mandible reddish; tarsomeres and apical area of hind tibia blackish; tergum
dark brown; sternum and wing veins brown; forewing lightly infumate with a hya-
line spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. Head
(Fig. 7ab). Transverse in frontal view; face with longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye
height/width = 1.35–1.42; eye height 0.67–0.72× inter-ocular distance; area between
antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation; frons not excavated;
posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth; groove between lateral ocelli smooth;
median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena bulging; malar
space 0.38–0.43× as long as eye height; clypeus 2.53–2.67× wider than high; length of
ventrolateral margin of clypeus distinctly longer than diameter of tentorial pit; antenna
with 25 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of
body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 1cde). Pronotum punctuate; lateral pronotal margins
with weakly crenulate groove; notauli not impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum
lacking small acute projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.09 to 0.10
mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression
smooth centrally and microfoveolate on the margins; carinae of central metanotal area
almost circular shaped; propodeum reticulate rugulose, more pronounced on lateral
margins; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by narrow rugulose groove, width
distinctly shorter than the subalar lobe; ventral one-fourth of metapleural reticulate
punctuate, remainder smooth. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.67–0.74× length
of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.52–0.53× length of basitarsus; metabasitar-
sus 1.35–1.42× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.21–2.30×
longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 3.14–3.23× its maximum width. Wings.
Forewing length/width = 2.07–2.17; stigma 2.65–2.75× longer than maximum width;
forewing vein R1 0.48–0.50× as long as vein RS; vein RS slightly sinuate; vein r arising
at middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.03–0.06 mm
long; vein M+CU not pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 2.96–3.30;
hind wing vein 1M 2.00–2.35× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 4 hamuli. Metasoma.
Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 2.17–2.38× wider than basal width; minimum
width of petiole 0.70–0.77× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.76–0.78 mm.

**Male.** Similar to female except male has 26–28 flagellomeres, carinae of central
metanotal area almost pentagonal shaped, 4–5 hamuli.

**Host.** Unknown

**Distribution.** USA.

**Diagnosis.** Distinguished from other *Crassomicrudus* species by the following com-
bination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped
elevation, frons not excavated, antenna with 25 flagellomeres, notauli not impressed,
length of ovipositor sheath 0.76–0.78 mm, forewing vein R1 0.48–0.50× as long as
vein RS, head and mesosoma black, and wings lightly infumate.

**Remarks.** This species is near to *C. muebecki*, but differs in that *C. muebecki*
measures 6.08 a 6.95 mm, area between antennal sockets with a median transverse
elevation and two weakly defined lateral tubercles, frons deeply excavated, antenna with
28–29 flagellomeres, pronotum more smooth, sparse setae on scutellar disc from 0.18
to 0.20 mm in length, length of ovipositor sheath 1.83–2.33 mm, and coloration of metasoma is black.

**Etymology.** This species is named in honor of María Espinosa Morales, wife of the first author.

**Material examined.** Holotype ♀: USA, California: 5 miles W Llano, 2/V/1937, Timberlake, deposited in USNM. Allotype ♂: USA, Nevada: Patrick, Washoe Co., 22/
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Crassomicrodus melanopleurus (Ashmead, 1894)

http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_melanopleurus

Fig. 8a–e


Holotype male. San Jose del Cabo. Cat. No. 223 (CAS)

Description female. Body. Length. 6.10–7.75 mm. Color (Fig. 8e). Integument yellowish orange except ocelli translucent yellow reddish; antenna brown or black; eye, apical area of mandible and sometimes apical area of hind tibia and tarsomeres blackish; sometimes head and propleuron black; wing veins dark brown; forewing infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is bigger than parastigma, sometimes forewing slightly infumate without distinguished the hyaline spot. Head (Fig. 8ab). Transverse in frontal view; face without longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.38–1.39; eye height 0.67–0.69× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation and two weakly defined tubercles; frons excavated with a pair of microfoveolate grooves that diverge towards the ocellar area; posterior area of antennal sockets smooth; groove between lateral ocelli smooth; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena bulging; malar space 0.48–0.57× as long as eye height; clypeus 2.40–2.55× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 35–38 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 8cde). Pronotum smooth; lateral pronotal margins with weakly crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.09 to 0.11 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression smooth with punctures on the ventral margin; carinae of central metanotal area forming a triangular cell; propodeum reticulate rugulose, sometimes rugose; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by narrow rugulose groove, width distinctly shorter
Figure 8. *Crassomicrodus melanopleurus*. Female a anterior view of head, arrows indicate a median pyramidal-shaped elevation with two weakly defined tubercles ventrolateral margin of clypeus, and tentorial pit b dorsal view of head, arrow indicates frons excavated with a pair of microfoveolate grooves c lateral view of mesosoma d dorsal view of mesosoma, arrow indicates impressed notauli e female habitus, arrow indicates inner spur of hind tibia.
than the subalar lobe; ventral three-fourths of metapleuron reticulate rugulose, remainder with punctures. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.77–0.86× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.60–0.72× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.11–1.19× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.17–2.38× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 3.50–3.85× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.72–2.76; stigma 3.43–3.55× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.61–0.67× as long as vein RS; vein RS not sinuate; vein r arising before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.07–0.15 mm long; vein M+CU distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.60–4.10; hind wing vein 1M 1.55–1.85× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 5–8 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 3.00–3.70× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.54–0.56× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.20–0.33 mm.

**Male.** Similar to female except color as follows: head, propleuron, mesopleuron, metapleuron, propodeum, coxa and trochanters black; sometimes coloration similar to female.

**Host.** Unknown.

**Distribution.** Mexico and USA.

**Diagnosis.** Distinguished from other *Crassomicrodus* species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation, head transverse in frontal view, gena bulging, inner spur of middle tibia 0.77–0.86× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.60–0.72× length of basitarsus, and body mostly yellowish orange with wings infumate.

**Remarks.** This species is difficult to circumscribe, the head shape and general coloration have a wide range of variation. We found some specimens with the head triangular in frontal view but they have the forewing infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell, that occupies most of the space of the cell. Muesebeck (1927) suggested that the species could represent males of *C. fulvescens*. However the type of *M. melanopleurus* does not correspond to the characters of *C. fulvescens*, therefore we consider it to be a valid species. *Crassomicrodus melanopleurus* is very similar to *C. fulvescens*, but differs in that *C. fulvescens* has the gena distinctly bulging; frons deeply excavated; lateral scutellar depression rugose and foveolate; carinae of central metanotal defining an almost circular cell; inner spur of middle tibia 0.54–0.58× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.48–0.54× length of basitarsus; and metapleuron completely reticulate-rugose.

Crassomicrodus muesebecki Marsh, 1960
http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_muesebecki
Fig. 9a–e


Holotype female. 7 miles Southwest of Trimmer, Fresno County, California [USA]. June 2, 1951. Cat. No. 64876 (USNM)

Description female. Body. Length. 6.08–6.95 mm. Color (Fig. 9e). Integument black except yellowish orange as follows, femora, one-fourth basal area of hind tibia, fore and middle tibia with its tarsomeres; medial areas of mandible yellow reddish; eyes silver or blackish; ocelli translucent yellow; medial area of hind tibia pale yellow, apical area of hind tibia with its tarsomeres blackish; wing veins dark brown; forewing slightly infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. Head (Fig. 9ab). Transverse in frontal view; face with weak longitudinal ridge dorsomediadly; eye height/width = 1.41–1.45; eye height 0.61–0.62× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median transverse elevation and two weakly defined lateral tubercles, sometimes tubercles not defined; frons deeply excavated with two or more foveolae on center, posteriorly continue a pair of smooth groove that diverge towards the ocellar area, sometimes microfoveolate; posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth; groove between lateral ocelli smooth; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena distinctly bulging; malar space 0.46–0.50× as long as eye height; clypeus 2.30–2.50× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 28–29 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible similar on size than setae on rest of body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 9cde). Pronotum smooth with abundant setae on pronotal groove and lateral pronotal area; lateral pronotal margins with weakly crenulate groove; notaui not impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; scutellar...
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disc convex with sparse setae from 0.18 to 0.20 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression microfoveolate centrally, with rugosities and foveolae on the margins; carinae of central metanotal area almost circular shaped; propodeum reticulate rugulose, more pronounced on lateral margins; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by narrow rugose reticulate groove, width distinctly shorter than the subalar lobe; three-fourth dorsal area of metapleuron smooth, rest reticulate-punctuate. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.72–0.86× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.59–0.67× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.03–1.18× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.63–2.81× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 3.09–3.33× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.51–2.53; stigma 2.62–3.00× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.59–0.64× as long as vein RS; vein RS not sinuate; vein r arising at middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with

**Figure 9.** *Crassomicrodus muesebecki*. Female a anterior view of head, arrows indicate a median transverse elevation with two weakly defined tubercles b dorsal view of head c dorsal view of mesosoma, arrow indicates notauli not impressed d lateral view of mesosoma e female habitus.
petiole 0.04–0.11 mm long; vein M+CU not pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.26–3.44; hind wing vein 1M 1.66–1.76× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 4–5 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 1.78–2.11× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.67–0.70× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 1.83–2.33 mm.

**Male.** Similar to female.

**Host.** Unknown.

**Distribution.** USA.

**Diagnosis.** Distinguished from other *Crassomicrodus* species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median transverse elevation, gena distinctly bulging, setae at base of mandible similar on size than setae on rest of body surface, notauli not impressed, scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.18 to 0.20 mm in length, length of ovipositor sheath 1.83–2.33 mm, and body black with wings slightly infumate.

**Remarks.** *C. muesebecki* Marsh was described with observations on 14 specimens. In this revision, we included 13 of these, one homotype and 14 additional specimens. With the inclusion of these new specimens we confirm Marsh’s (1960) observation that specimens from central and northern California have infumate wings, and in almost all the hind tibiae are yellowish orange, whereas the more southern specimens have hyaline wings and the medial areas of hind tibiae pale yellow. The species status of these two groups is tentative.

**Crassomicrodus nigriceps** (Cresson, 1872)  
http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_nigriceps  
Fig. 10a–e

*Microdus nigriceps* Cresson 1872: 182.  

**Holotype female.** Collection Belfrage. Cat. No. 1637 (USNM)  
**Description female.** Body. Length. 6.05–9.50 mm. Color (Fig. 10e). Coloration of this species has a wide variation, there are specimens with the body totally dark to some areas yellowish-orange or yellow reddish; forewing infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell, that occupies most of the space of the cell. Head (Fig. 10ab). Triangular in frontal view; face with weak longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.48–1.50; eye height 0.67–0.68× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation and two weakly defined tubercles; frons excavated; posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth; groove between lateral ocelli smooth; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena not bulging, sometimes slightly bulging; malar space 0.51–0.64× as long as eye height; clypeus 1.88–2.21× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 37–43 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 10cde). Pronotum smooth, sometimes strigose; lateral pronotal margins with weakly crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.11 to 0.12 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression smooth, sometimes with punctures on the ventral margins; carinae of central metanotal area forming a triangular cell; propodeum reticulate rugose; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by narrow rugulose groove, width distinctly shorter than the subalar lobe; metapleuron reticulate rugulose. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.75–0.81× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.59–0.62× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.21–1.29× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.04–2.22× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 4.17–4.35× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.70–2.76; stigma 3.57–3.85× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.62–0.69× as long as vein RS; vein RS straight; vein r arising before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.07–0.22 mm long; vein M+CU distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.88–4.09; hind wing vein 1M 1.48–1.71× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 6–8 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 3.33–3.43× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.49–0.60× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.17–0.26 mm.  
**Male.** Similar to female.  
**Host.** Unknown.
**Distribution.** Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and the USA.

**Diagnosis.** Distinguished from other *Crassomicrodus* species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation, head triangular in frontal view, face with a few sparse setae, setae at base of antennal sockets smooth, dorsal view of antennal sockets smooth, lateral view of mesosoma, arrow indicates pronotum smooth, dorsal view of mesosoma, female habitus.
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mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of body surface, antenna with 37–43 flagellomeres, body usually with some areas yellowish-orange and wings infumate.

Remarks. This species was described as Microdus nigriceps by Cresson (1872). Muesebeck (1927) considered it as valid species in the genus Crassomicrodus; however due to the wide range of color variation among specimens of this species, it is described to C. fenestratus as a different species, but the types of both species have affinity of characters. C. nigriceps is the most variable species, on coloration and measurements, that all species of Crassomicrodus. Our careful examination of each specimens allowed to group them in three sub-groups; the first sub-group formed by specimens from Texas (USA), of size 7.30 to 9.50 mm and the body color yellowish-orange or yellow reddish except head, propleuron, metapleuron, propodeum, ventral area of mesopleuron, and legs black; the coloration in mesosoma of this sub-group could vary to only propleuron black and some areas of legs yellowish-orange. The second sub-group is formed by specimens from the Yucatan peninsula (Mexico), of size 6.05 to 7.95 mm and the coloration blackish on all body, although the coloration could vary to only mesoscutum yellowish-orange or yellow reddish. The last sub-group is formed by specimens from Loggerhead Key island (Florida, USA), of size 6.80 to 7.30 mm and the coloration yellowish-orange or yellow reddish except head, propleuron, metapleuron and propodeum black, ventral area of mesopleuron and legs blackish, although the coloration on mesopleuron and legs could vary. The last sub-group is where the majority of the specimens that come from other places have more affinity.


**Crassomicrodus nigrithorax** Muesebeck, 1927

http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_nigrithorax

Fig. 11a–e

**Crassomicrodus nigrithorax** Muesebeck 1927: 17–18 [Examined].

**Holotype female.** Colorado [USA]. Cat. No. 28694 (USNM)

**Description female.** Body. Length. 3.95–5.35 mm. Color (Fig. 11e). Integument black except yellowish as follows, three-quarter of the basal area of mandible, tegulae, femora, three-quarter of the basal area of hind tibia, fore and middle tibia, fore and middle tarsomeres, and metasoma; ocelli translucent yellow; eyes silver or blackish; wing veins clear brown; forewing slightly infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. Sometimes hind coxa and trochanters yellowish-orange and/or fore and middle femora, apical area of tibia, and fore and middle tarsomeres blackish, rarely tegula blackish. Head (Fig.11ab). Transverse in frontal view; face with longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.30–1.35; eye height 0.69–0.70× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median transverse elevation and two weakly defined lateral tubercles; frons excavated with a central groove almost foveolate, sometimes a pair of microfoveolate groove that diverge towards the ocellar area; posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth; groove between lateral ocelli microfoveolate; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by microfoveolate groove; gena bulging; malar space 0.38–0.47× as long as eye height; clypeus 2.67–2.91× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 28–31 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible slightly longer than setae on rest of body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 11cde). Pronotum smooth except near of subpronope rugulose; lateral pronotal mar-
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Gins with weakly crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection, sometimes slightly the projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.14 to 0.15 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression rugose and foveolate on the margins and microfoveolate centrally; carinae of central metanotal area almost circular shaped; propodeum reticulate rugulose more pronounced on lateral margins, anterolateral areas with abundant setae; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by narrow rugulose groove, width distinctly shorter than the subalar lobe; metapleuron reticulate rugulose or punctulate, more pronounced on ventral half. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.89–0.95× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.63–0.76× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.15–1.26× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind

Figure 11. Crassomicrodus nigrithorax. Female a anterior view of head, arrows indicate a median transverse elevation with two weakly defined tubercles b dorsal view of head c dorsal view of mesosoma, arrow indicates notauli impressed d lateral view of mesosoma e female habitus.
tibia 1.92–2.16× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 3.23–3.38× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.46–2.60; stigma 2.95–3.08× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.65–0.68× as long as vein RS; vein RS sinuate; vein r arising before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.03–0.12 mm long; vein M+CU distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.45–3.58; hind wing vein 1M 1.83–1.97× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 3–4 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 2.80–2.82× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.64–0.70× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.19–0.22 mm.

**Male.** Similar to female.

**Host.** Unknown.

**Distribution.** Mexico and USA.

**Diagnosis.** Distinguished from other *Crassomicrodus* species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median transverse elevation, head transverse in frontal view, grooves between ocelli microfoveolate, gena bulging, antenna with 28–31 flagellomeres, anterolateral edges of scutellum usually lacking small acute projection, head and mesosoma black, and metasoma yellowish.

**Remarks.** This species is near to *C. apicipennis*, but differs in that *C. apicipennis* has areas of mesosoma yellowish-orange; anterolateral edges of scutellum has small acute projection; eye height 0.65–0.68× inter-ocular distance; malar space 0.48–0.55× as long as eye height; inner spur of middle tibia 0.76–0.83× length of basitarsus; and scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.16–0.17 mm in length.

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*Crassomicrodus oaxaquensis* Figueroa, Romero & Sharkey, sp. n. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:EF0FBCCA-7C2F-4AA6-8C0F-A4DAE53AEBF2 http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_oaxaquensis

**Fig. 12a–e**

**Description female.** Body. Length. 7.10–7.65 mm. Color (Fig. 12e). Integument black except yellowish-orange as follows, ocelli, fore tibia, two-thirds apical areas of fore and middle femur, two-thirds basal areas of middle tibia and metasoma; medial area of mandible yellow reddish; eyes silver; wing veins dark brown; forewing almost hyaline. Sometimes first metasomal tergite black, and the yellowish-orange of legs is reduced to only the apical area of fore and middle femora and apical area of fore tibia. Head (Fig. 12ab). Triangular in frontal view; face with weak longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.34–1.45; eye height 0.60–0.62× inter-ocul nodeListe distance; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation and two weakly defined tubercles; frons excavated with a pair of microfoveolate grooves that diverge towards the ocellar area; posterior surface of antennal sockets rugulose; groove between lateral ocelli smooth; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena not bulging; malar space 0.55–0.58× as long as eye height; clypeus 2.25–2.44× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus almost similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 38–39 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible slightly longer than setae on rest of body surface; face very setose. Mesosoma (Fig. 12cde). Pronotum punctate; lateral pronotal margins with weakly crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; scutellar disc slightly convex with sparse setae from 0.15 to 0.16 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression rugulose and punctate; carinae of central metanotal area forming a triangular cell; propodeum reticulate rugulose with abundant sparse setae on lateral areas; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by wide rugose groove, width almost of similar size to subalar lobe; metapleuron reticulate rugulose in its ventral half.
and smooth or punctuate in its dorsal half. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.68–0.73× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.58–0.66× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.25–1.32× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.33–2.38× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 4.64–4.76× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.57–2.76; stigma 2.91–3.33× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.65–0.70× as long as vein RS; vein RS sinuate; vein r arising before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.08–0.09 mm long; vein M+CU distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.70–3.73; hind wing vein 1M 1.79–1.82× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 5 hamuli. Metasoma.

Figure 12. Crassomicrodus oaxaquensis sp. n. Female a anterior view of head, arrows indicate a median pyramidal-shaped elevation with two weakly defined tubercles b dorsal view of head, arrow indicates posterior surface of antennal sockets rugulose c lateral view of mesosoma, arrow indicates subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by wide groove d dorsal view of mesosoma e female habitus.
Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 3.00–3.41× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.46–0.47× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.22–0.26 mm.

**Male.** Similar to female except metasomal tergite has the color dark brown, antenna with 39 or 40 flagellomeres, and hind wing with 4 or 5 hamuli.

**Host.** Unknown.

**Distribution.** Mexico.

**Diagnosis.** Distinguished from other *Crassomicrodus* species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation, head triangular in frontal view, posterior surface of antennal sockets rugulose, face very setose, setae at base of mandible slightly longer than setae on rest of body surface, subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by wide rugose groove, head and mesosoma black, and wings almost hyaline.

**Remarks.** This species is near to *C. jalisciensis*, but differs in that *C. jalisciensis* has areas of mesosoma yellowish orange, wings infumate, face without longitudinal ridge dorsomedially, and a median elevation between antennal sockets without defined lateral tubercles.

**Etymology.** *C. oaxaquensis* is after Oaxaca, in reference to the known geographical distribution of the species.

**Material examined.** Holotype ♀: MEXICO, Oaxaca: Llano de las Flores, 15 miles NE Ixtlán de Juárez, 21/VII/1985, Woolley & Zolnerowich. Allotype ♂: same data as holotype. Paratypes 1 ♀, 2 ♂: same data as holotype. All types deposited in TAMU.

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**Crassomicrodus olgae** Figueroa, Sharkey & Romero, sp. n.

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http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_olgae

Fig. 13a–e

**Description female.** Body. Length. 6.70–7.08 mm. Color (Fig. 13e). Integument black except yellowish-orange as follows, medial area of mandible, femora, fore tibia, basal half of middle and hind tibia, and metasoma; ocelli translucent yellow; wing veins brown; forewing slightly infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. Head (Fig. 13ab). Transverse in frontal view; face with longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.38–1.39; eye height 0.68–0.74× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median trapezoidal-shape elevation and two weakly defined tubercles; frons deeply excavated; posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth; groove between lateral ocelli slightly microfoveolate; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena distinctly bulging; malar space 0.54–0.59× as long as eye height; clypeus 2.08–2.19× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 32 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 13cde). Pronotum with the pronotal groove reticulate rugulose and lateral areas smooth; lateral pronotal margins with weakly crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum with
slight acute projection, sometimes without projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.16 to 0.17 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression with punctures centrally and foveolae in its margins; carinae of central metanotal area almost circular shaped; propodeum reticulate rugose, more pronounced on lateral margins; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by narrow rugulose groove, width distinctly shorter than the subalar lobe; metapleuron reticulate rugulose or foveolate in its ventral half and smooth in its dorsal half. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.85–0.92× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.58–0.65× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.11–1.32× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.00–2.17× long-

**Figure 13.** *Crassomicrodus olgae* sp. n. Female

- **a** anterior view of head, arrows indicate a median elevation in trapezoidal shape with two weakly defined tubercles
- **b** dorsal view of head
- **c** lateral view of mesosoma
- **d** dorsal view of mesosoma, arrow indicates notaui impressed
- **e** female habitus.
er than basitarsus; hind femur length 3.50–3.85× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.45–2.71; stigma 3.17–3.58× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.61–0.63× as long as vein RS; vein RS slightly sinuate; vein r arising slightly before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.11–0.13 mm long; vein M+CU distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.36–3.76; hind wing vein 1M 1.83–1.85× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 4 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 2.88–3.18× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.48–0.55× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.17–0.20 mm.

Male. Similar to female except that male has 31–34 flagellomeres, fore and middle femora and tibia yellowish-orange, hamuli with 4 or 5 hooks; sometimes the petiole color blackish.

Host. Unknown.

Distribution. USA.

Diagnosis. Distinguished from other Crassomicrodus species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median trapezoidal-shape elevation, head transverse in frontal view, gena distinctly bulging, groove between lateral ocelli slightly microfoveolate, anterolateral edges of scutellum usually with slightly acute projection, head and mesosoma black and wings slightly infumate.

Remarks. This species is near to C. oaxaquensis, but differs in that C. oaxaquensis has a triangular-shaped head, area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation, gena not bulging, and antenna with 38–39 flagellomeres.

Etymology. This species is named in honor of Olga Margot De la Rosa Reyes, mother of the first author.


Crassomicrodus pallens (Cresson, 1873)
http://species-id.net/wiki/Crassomicrodus_pallens
Fig. 14a–e

Microdus pallens Cresson 1873: 53.

Holotype female. Illinois [USA]. Cat. No. 2746 (ANSP).

Description female. Body. Length. 4.20–6.48 mm. Color (Fig. 14e). Integument yellowish-orange except ocelli translucent yellow; eyes black or silver; mandible
apex and apical area of hind tibia and tarsomeres blackish. Sometimes propodeum black with metapleuron and propodeum blackish, rarely head and mesopleuron blackish. Wing veins dark brown; forewing infumate with a hyaline spot on the first submarginal cell that is similar in size to the parastigma. Head (Fig.14ab). Triangular in frontal view; face without longitudinal ridge dorsomedially; eye height/width = 1.36; eye height 0.55–0.58× inter-ocular distance; area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation and two weakly defined tubercles; frons excavated with a pair of microfoveolate groove that diverge towards the ocellar area; posterior surface of antennal sockets smooth, rarely rugulose; groove between lateral ocelli smooth; median ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by smooth groove; gena not bulging; malar space 0.77–0.86× as long as eye height; clypeus 1.63–2.00× wider than high; length of ventrolateral margin of clypeus similar to diameter of tentorial pit; antenna with 29–34 flagellomeres; setae at base of mandible distinctly longer than setae on rest of body surface. Mesosoma (Fig. 14cde). Pronotum strigulose or reticulate rugulose; lateral pronotal margins with weakly crenulate groove; notauli impressed; anterolateral edges of scutellum lacking small acute projection; scutellar disc convex with sparse setae from 0.09 to 0.11 mm in length; scutellar disc sloped posteriorly and rounded; lateral scutellar depression smooth, rarely with punctures on the ventral margins; carinae of central metanotal area almost triangular shaped; propodeum reticulate rugulose; subalar lobe separated from mesopleuron by narrow rugulose groove, width distinctly shorter than the subalar lobe; metapleuron reticulate-rugulose. Legs. Inner spur of middle tibia 0.74–0.81× length of basitarsus; inner spur of hind tibia 0.61–0.72× length of basitarsus; metabasitarsus 1.02–1.12× length of tarsomeres III, IV, and V combined; hind tibia 2.22–2.39× longer than basitarsus; hind femur length 3.44–3.85× its maximum width. Wings. Forewing length/width = 2.46–2.55; stigma 3.00–3.44× longer than maximum width; forewing vein R1 0.47–0.57× as long as vein RS; vein RS not sinuate; vein r arising slightly before middle of stigma; second submarginal cell triangular, with petiole 0.05–0.09 mm long; vein M+CU distinctly pigmented throughout; hind wing length/width = 3.10–3.39; hind wing vein 1M 1.41–1.53× longer than 1r-m; hind wing with 4–5 hamuli. Metasoma. Apical width of petiole (tergum 1) 3.60–3.92× wider than basal width; minimum width of petiole 0.58–0.63× apical width; length of ovipositor sheath 0.20–0.33 mm.

**Male.** Similar to female.

**Host.** Unknown.

**Distribution.** Mexico and USA.

**Diagnosis.** Distinguished from other *Crassomicrodus* species by the following combination of characters: area between antennal sockets with a median pyramidal-shaped elevation, head triangular in frontal view, malar space 0.77–0.86× as long as eye height, body length 4.20–6.48 mm, forewing vein R1 0.47–0.57× as long as vein RS, body usually yellowish-orange.

**Remarks.** *Crassomicrodus pallens* resembles *C. divisus* in the shape of the head, but differs by the characters in the key. A few specimens of this species have the malar space
shorter than eye height (0.77 times), specimens with this variation also have R1 less than 0.57 times as long as vein RS.


*Other specimens examined.*- **MEXICO, Colima:** 21 miles N Manzanillo, 1 ♀ 25/VIII/1970, Wasbauer M.S. & J.S. Wasbauer (CNC). **Nayarit:** Arroyo Santiago, Nr. Jesus Maria, 2 ♀ 5/VII/1955 (CNC, EMEC). **Sinaloa:** 2.5 miles N Mazatlán, 1 ♀ 12/VIII/1970, Wasbauer M., malaise trap (CNC); 35 miles S Es-

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**Figure 14.** *Crassomicrodus pallens.* Female a anterior view of head, arrows indicate a median pyramidal-shaped elevation with two weakly defined tubercles b dorsal view of head c lateral view of mesosoma d dorsal view of mesosoma e female habitus.
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