

A NEW SPECIES OF APLASTUS FROM IDAHO
(COLEOPTERA: PLASTOCERIDAE)

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Aplastus acutus n. sp.

Male.—Narrow, elongate; moderately shining, light brown above and beneath; short, recumbent pubescence on both surfaces.

Head concave; surface coarsely, densely punctured; eyes moderately prominent; antennae extending beyond middle of elytra, scape short, stout, second segment slightly shorter than third, fourth segment twice as long as second and third together, fifth as long as fourth, sixth slightly longer than fifth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth same length as sixth, eleventh segment longest, fourth segment to tenth inclusive somewhat serrate.

Pronotum wider than long, widest at base; anterior margin lobed; basal margin sinuate; lateral margin sinuate, strongly divergent at hind angles; disk convex in middle, flattened along sides giving side margin a sharp carinate edge for its entire length, hind angle with fine carina parallel to lateral margin; surface densely punctured in middle, punctures slightly finer than on head, punctures finer and confluent at sides, obsolete at base. Scutellum small, oval.

Elytra wider than pronotum, elongate; sides subparallel, broadly rounded to suture at apex; surface with striae prominent at base and apex only, rest of elytra indistinctly triate; interspaces densely minutely punctate.

Beneath, prosternum carinate at middle with sutural carina on each side, prosternal process somewhat sulcate; surface coarsely, densely punctured. Abdomen shining, densely, finely punctate. All of tarsi longer than tibiae.

Length 17.5 mm.; width 4.4 mm.

Described from specimens collected by Otto Huellemann at Wallace, Idaho, April 14, 1940. The writer is indebted to Dr. H. F. Strohecker for the privilege of retaining holotype and paratypes; paratypes in the Strohecker collection.

The narrow elongate form, with long antennae and sharp lateral margins of pronotum will distinguish this species from closely related forms.

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