

Rt. 634, 24 April 1982, T. J. Henry and A. G. Wheeler, Jr. colls., taken on *Hypericum fasciculatum* Lam. (USNM type no. 100238). *Allotype*: same data as for holotype (USNM). *Paratypes*: 2 ♂, 4 ♀, same data as for holotype (USNM); 2 ♂, 9 ♀, Highlands Co., Florida, Archbold Biological Station, 27 April 1981 and 20-25 April 1982, T. J. Henry, taken at blacklight (USNM); 8 ♀, Collier Co., Florida, 1.5 mi. E of Hendry Co. line, Rt. 82, 25 April 1982, T. J. Henry coll., taken on *Hypericum fasciculatum* (FSCA, USNM); 2 ♂, 1 ♀, Seminole Co., Florida, Sanford, 5 May 1927, E. D. Ball coll. (USNM); 2 ♀, Polk Co., Florida, 6 May 1957, H. V. Weems, Jr. coll., taken on *Hypericum* sp. (FSCA); 1 ♂ (teneral), Co., South Carolina, N. Landing (no date), W. F. Fiske coll. (USNM).

REMARKS: *Parthenicus rufus* is distinguished from other eastern species of *Parthenicus* by the uniformly red body with small irregular pale areas, predominantly clothed with golden sericeous setae, and by the heavily red-spotted legs.

The general reddish coloration of this bug is similar to that of other Miridae, *Taedia heidemanni* (Reuter) and *Phytocoris rufus* Van Duzee, that were also collected on *Hypericum* spp. in Florida in 1981 and 1982.

Parthenicus taxodii Knight
(Fig. 5, 12)

Parthenicus taxodii Knight, 1941: 76

DESCRIPTION: MALE—Length 2.00-2.56 mm (n=2), width 0.90-0.96 mm. Head: Width 0.54-0.60 mm, vertex 0.17-0.18 mm. Rostrum: Length 0.73-0.90 mm, reaching metacoxae. Antenna: Segment I, length 0.13-0.16 mm; II, 0.73-0.82 mm; III, 0.43-0.50 mm; IV, 0.26-0.30 mm. Pronotum: Length 0.34-0.40 mm, basal width 0.73-0.80 mm.

Overall coloration yellow to greenish yellow, with some specimens exhibiting an orange tinge; venter, legs, and antennae uniformly yellowish, only metafemora sometimes with a few minute fuscous spots; dorsum with erect and semierect pale to golden, simple setae, thickly intermixed with silvery sericeous setae.

Parameres: Left (Fig. 12a); right (Fig. 12b) rather stout and having a small acute, downcurved, subapical spine.

FEMALE—Length 2.20-2.44 mm (n=2), width 0.91-1.00 mm. Head: Width 0.47-0.54 mm, vertex 0.26-0.28 mm. Rostrum: Length 0.84 mm. Antenna: Segment I, length 0.13-0.18 mm; II, 0.70-0.74 mm; III, 0.40-0.44 mm; IV, 0.26-0.29 mm. Pronotum: Length 0.32-0.38 mm, basal width 0.75-0.84 mm.

Color and pubescence similar to that of male.

REMARKS: *Parthenicus taxodii* was described from specimens collected on bald cypress, *Taxodium distichum* (L.) in Illinois (Knight 1941), and later recorded from Missouri (Froeschner 1949). I collected nymphs and 4 adults of this species in Florida from Liberty Co., 3 miles south of Bristol, County Road 379, 7 and 11 May 1981, on bald cypress (USNM). A single ♀ was taken on bald cypress in Martin Co., Florida, 7 mi. So. of the Okeechobee Co. Line, 29 Apr. 1982 (USNM).

Parthenicus taxodii is recognized by the small size, uniformly yellowish coloration, often with an orange tinge, silvery sericeous pubescence on the dorsum, and by the pallid tibial spines without spots at bases.