

the pronotum is distinctly and \pm coarsely punctate and the 2nd joint of the hind tarsi is at most only a little longer than the 1st.

The following *Polymerus* species have been described or recorded from Africa: *P. bimaculatus* Pop., *P. longirostris* (Rt.), *P. ornatifrons* Odh., *P. vittatus* (Rt.), *P. voelzkovi* (Rt.) and *P. xerophilus* Lv. Of them *vittatus*, *voelzkovi* and apparently also *bimaculatus* (unknown to me) actually belong to *Charagochilus*. The remaining three species can be distinguished according to the following key:

- 1 (2) Length 3.7-4.1 mm. 1st antennal joint brown to black. Cuneus largely red or dark red. Membranal veins red. Ocular index 1.52-1.67 (δ), 1.75 (φ) *ornatifrons* Odh. (Uganda)
- 2 (1) Larger species. 1st antennal joint pale. Cuneus not distinctly red. Membranal veins pale 3
- 3 (4) Length 4.0-4.75 mm. Base of vertex sharply marginate. Hind femora unicoloured pale. Ocular index 1.20-1.5 (δ), 1.51 (φ) *longirostris* (Rt.)
- 4 (3) Length 4.0-4.2 mm. Base of vertex faintly marginate. Hind femora with abundant brown mottling. Ocular index (φ) 2.0-2.17
xerophilus Lv. (Somalia)

P. longirostris (Rt.)

Length 4.0-4.75 mm. Shiny. Head dark brown or black, a pale band near either eye. Eyes brown. 1st antennal joint orangish, 2nd yellowish with apical third dark brown, other joints dark brown, base of 3rd yellowish. Pronotum black, collar and hind margin narrowly yellowish, sometimes also a short pale median stripe present in basal part. Scutellum yellowish, basal angles \pm broadly dark brown. Clavus dark brown; corium largely dark fuscous, costal margin \pm broadly yellowish brown, latero-apical angle reddish, medio-apical one yellowish; cuneus reddish, extreme tip pale, medio-basal angle embrowned; membrane brownish smoky, veins pale ochraceous. Under surface yellowish with distinct reddish tinge, thorax with brown spots, ostiolar peritremes whitish. Rostrum pale, dark-tipped. Femora orangish or reddish, other parts of legs yellow-brown, tips of tarsi dark, tibial spines dark.

Body 2.4-2.5 x as long as broad, parallel-sided. Hair covering longish, yellowish or dark, also silvery pubescence exists. Head about 0.6 x as broad as pronotum, in apical view 1.1-1.3 x as broad as long; frons less convex, microsculpturing indistinct, base of vertex moderately marginate; ocular index 1.20-1.5 (δ), 1.51 (φ). Antennae in δ with semidecumbent hairs, 1st and 2nd joints incrassate; in φ hair covering inconspicuous, 1st joint moderately thick, 2nd gracile; proportions between joints 12:35:17:21 (δ), 12:37:22:25 (φ), 2nd joint 0.75-0.81 (δ) or 0.84 (φ) x as long as basal width of pronotum. Rostrum extending to or beyond hind coxae. Pronotum 1.6-1.8 x as broad as long, lateral margins straight or slightly concave; disk moderately convex, uneven, finely rugose and obsoletely punctate. Scutellum tumid, transversely rugose. Elytra longer than abdomen, shagreened and obsoletely punctate. Legs relatively long and gracile; hind femur 1.2-1.3 x, hind tibia 1.6 (φ) or 1.62-1.63 (δ) x as long as basal width of pronotum.