

Polymerus opacus Knight, new species.

Dorsum black, opaque, clothed with silvery and dusky, sericeous pubescence; antennal segment ii of male equal in thickness to segment i, slightly more slender in the female; legs black, coxae and basal half of femora yellowish.

Male: Length 4.3 mm., width 2 mm. Head: Width .91 mm., vertex .46 mm.; black, a small yellowish spot each side of vertex bordering eye; clothed with sericeous silvery pubescence and intermixed with dusky simple pubescence. Rostrum, length .94 mm., just attaining middle of venter, piceous, yellowish on joints.

Antennae: Segment i, length .49 mm., thickness .114 mm., black; ii, 1.74 mm., cylindrical, thickness .114 mm., narrowed at base, black, rather closely dusky pubescent and beset with more prominent black pubescent hairs; iii, .64 mm., tapering from thicker at base to more slender at apex, brownish black; iv, .66 mm., blackish.

Pronotum: Length .91 mm., width at base 1.6 mm.; black, scarcely shining, surface minutely granulate; clothed with sericeous silvery pubescence; anterior angles with a glabrous opaque spot, present in other species but more conspicuous in this form; lower pleural margin narrowly pale just before coxal cleft. Scutellum transversely rugulose, silvery to dusky pubescent. Sternum dull black, median line yellowish, pleura black; ostiolar peritreme yellowish, anterior lobe becoming fuscous.

Hemelytra: Embolar margins distinctly arcuate; black, opaque, clothed with silvery to dusky, sericeous pubescence; cuneus uniformly black, dark pubescent. Membrane uniformly brownish black, narrowly paler bordering apex of cuneus, veins yellowish to dusky.

Legs: Black, coxae, basal half of femora, and two basal segments of tarsi, yellow to fulvous; a nearly obsolete, narrow yellowish annulus just beneath knee.

Female: Length 4.8 mm., width 2.4 mm.; more robust and embolar margins more strongly arcuate than in the male, but very similar in coloration. Rostrum, length 1.06 mm., just attaining middle of sternum.

Breeds on *Aster umbellatus*.

Holotype: Male, 3 July, 1920, McLean Bogs, Tompkins County, N. Y. (H. H. Knight); author's collection. Allotype: same data as the type. Paratypes: Males (16) and females (10), taken with the types on *Aster umbellatus*. MAINE—Male and females (2), 19 July, males (4) and females (7), 22 July, female, 25 July, females (2), 26 July, 1909, Machias (C. W. Johnson). NEW YORK—Male, 20 July, 1917, males (2) and females (2), 3 Aug., male, 25, Aug., 1920, The Plains (C. J. Drake). VERMONT—Female, 11 July, 1908, Mt. Ascutney (C. W. Johnson). ONTARIO—Males and females (18), 10 July, female, 15 July, males (2) and females (2), 27 July, Parry Sound (H. S. Parish).

P. venaticus (Uhler).

Uhler, Hayden's Surv. Terr., Rept. for 1871, 414, 1872.

Male: Length 5.9 mm., width 2.3 mm.; hemelytra elongate, tip of abdomen attaining middle of cuneus, embolar margins very