

♂. Length 6.2 mm., width 2.4 mm. Head: width 1.26 mm., vertex .68 mm. Rostrum, length 2.2 mm., just attaining base of hind coxae. Antennae: segment I, length .58 mm.; II, 2 mm.; III, 1.46 mm.; IV, .77 mm. Pronotum: length 1.31 mm., width at base 2.1 mm.

Black, vertex except two lunate marks, lower half of face except tylus and apex of lora, collar, sides of pronotum, median line of disk and continuing on scutellum to cover one-third its width, orange red; embolium and narrow outer margin of corium, outer half of cuneus, and commissure of hemelytra, orange colored. More or less on pleura and sides of venter orange and obscured with blackish. Femora yellowish to orange but anterior and posterior aspects obscured with fuscous. Body surface covered with fine granular material, thickly clothed with fine short yellowish to fuscous pubescence. Genital segment without tubercles.

♀. Length 6.6 mm., width 2.6 mm. Head: width 1.28 mm., vertex .74 mm. Antennae: segment I, length .60 mm., II, 1.8 mm.; III, 1.34 mm.; IV, .83 mm. Pronotum: length 1.31 mm., width at base 2.26 mm. Slightly more robust than the male but very similar in coloration and pubescence.

Holotype: ♂ July 12, 1919, Hennepin County, Minnesota (H. H. Knight), author's collection.

Allotype: July 8, 1914, Lake Itasca, Minnesota, (S. A. Graham); Minnesota University collection.

Paratypes: MICHIGAN—♀ July 14, 1918, Cheboygan County (R. F. Hussey). MINNESOTA—2 ♂, taken with type. ♂ July 5, 1922, ♂ Aug. 7, 1924, Hennepin County (A. Hertig). NORTH DAKOTA—2 ♂ Aug. 4, 1920, Turtle Mts. (T. H. Hubbell). WISCONSIN—♀ Aug. 13, 1916, Amery (J. G. Sanders). MANITOBA—♂ ♀ July 30, 1922, ♂ 2 ♀ Aug. 12, 1920, Aweme (N. Criddle).

This species occurs among grasses in open marshy places, or about bog formations overgrown with herbaceous plants.

***Platytylellus confraternus* var. *collaris* n. var.**

Differs from typical *confraternus* Uhler in the black frons and vertex, and in the more broadly black pronotal disk although the collar remains red; pronotal disk black with lateral margins only red.

This form has the pronotal disk more distinctly convex, with an apparent flattening of the collar, characters which may indicate a distinct species, but until the male is studied for confirmation it seems best to place this form as a variety of *confraternus*. The color pattern of *collaris* is suggestive of typical *fraternus* Kngt., but the pronotum is more broadly black while the collar remains red.

Type: ♀ April 4, 1911, Ormond, Florida (W. S. Blatchley); author's collection.

Paratype: ♀, April, 1914, Gainesville, Florida (G. G. Ainslie).

Platytylellus confraternus (Uhler) was described from Colorado (1872) and at the same time recorded from certain eastern states. The writer has typical material from Colorado, the type locality, as well as from New Mexico, and after study of all available material is inclined to believe that the species does not range east of the 100th meridian. Most of the eastern records probably refer to *fraternus* Knight (Hem. Conn., 1923, p. 557.).