

A NEW LOPIDEA FROM CALIFORNIA

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Lopidea usingeri Van Duzee, n. sp.

Much like *marginata* Uhler with the genital characters nearly of *nigridea* Uhler and *fallax* Knight; posterior disk of pronotum, scutellum and elytra dark sanguineous, the latter with a pale costa; length 6 mm.

Head as in *marginata* but with the post-ocular callous less conspicuous and the front fuller; antennæ perceptably stouter; pronotal humeri broadly rounded; rostrum attaining intermediate coxæ. Dextral male clasper very similar to that of *nigridea* but with its apex more oblique, the apical margin armed with a short black tooth near the prominent inferior apical angle and the basal dorsal hook more obtuse, straight and produced at a right angle; dextral spine of pygofer as in *marginata*. In *obscura* this clasper is narrower, its ventral apical angle more rounded, the supplemental dorsal tooth represented by a tubercle and the dorsal basal hook curved as in *nigridea*. *L. fallax* Knight is very similar but has the dextral clasper serrate at apex and wants the supplemental tooth before the apex.

Color pale yellowish, the posterior lobe of the pronotum, scutellum and elytra dark sanguineous and the costal margin narrowly whitish; base of vertex, a basal arcuate vitta either side of the front, clypeus, antennæ and rostrum black; feet fuscous, femora paler at base; tarsi black; narrow sutural and commissural margins black; membrane smoky; cheeks and disk of propleuræ tinged with red; ventral segments infuscated at base, becoming reddish laterally; genital segment fuscous at base, dextral clasper red its spines tipped with black.

Described from two males and five females. This species, like *obscura* exhibits considerable variation in the depth of coloring but generally the disk of the elytra, especially in the female, is quite broadly blackish. It gives me pleasure to dedicate this species to its discoverer, one of our enthusiastic young entomologists, who is doing good work in the Hemiptera.

Holotype, male, No. 3705, and allotype, female, No. 3706 Mus. Calif. Acad. Sci., and paratypes taken by Mr. Robert Usinger July 13 (type), 17, 20 and 22, 1927, at the Oakland Recreation Camp, Tuolumne Co., California.