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A NEW STIGMODERA FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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(Figure 1.)

Stigmodera (Castiarina) flavocoerulea, n. sp.

OBLONG. Head, prothorax, scutellum, underside, appendages and elytral apex (narrowly) brilliant blue: elytra otherwise (save for a narrow blue basal border) pale straw colour.

Head widely sulcate, finely punctate.

Prothorax, apex and base lightly bisinuate, the latter nearly twice as wide as former, with a small central fovea and minute basal excisions, all angles wide: sides widely and evenly rounded, without sinuation: disk with a narrow, arcuate ridge at apical third, containing some laevigate spaces; otherwise finely, evenly punctate, the punctures round and moderately close, much finer in middle, without signs of a medial line.

Scutellum elongate, cordiform: sulcate in middle.

Elytra widened at shoulders, widely and lightly constricted behind them; not much narrowed behind, apices sharply bispinose, external spine the longer, subapical margins serrulate: striate-punctate, the striae rather wide, intervals very lightly convex, finely and irregularly punctate. Underside glabrous, nitid, with fine, shallow punctures.

Dim. 16 × 6 mm.

Hab.—*Western Australia*: Wurarga (Mr. A. Goerling).

A single example sent is so distinctly separated from its allies as to deserve description. In general form and pattern it most resembles *S. luteipennis* L. & G., from which it differs in colour, wider and more convex prothorax and strongly spined apices. In colour its upper surface comes near some of the pale varieties of *S. yarelli* L. & G. (without, however, the yellow border of prothorax). Holotype presented to the Australian Museum.

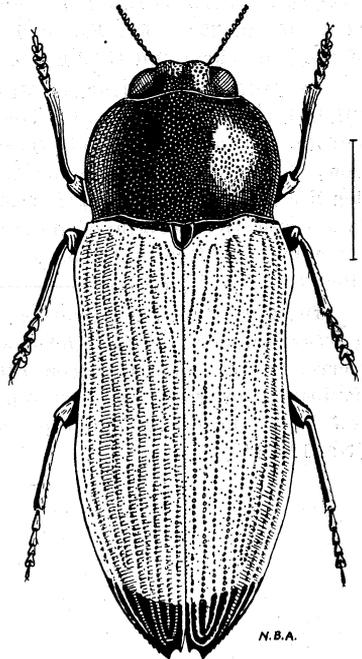


Fig. 1.—*Stigmodera (Castiarina) flavocoerulea*, n. sp.