



Two new species of the bee genus *Peponapis*, with a key to the North and Central American species (Hymenoptera: Apidae: Eucerini)

Dos especies nuevas de abejas del género *Peponapis*, con una clave para las especies de América del Norte y Central (Hymenoptera: Apidae: Eucerini)

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Abstract. Two new species of squash bees, *Peponapis pacifica* Ayala and Griswold sp. n. and *P. parkeri* Griswold and Ayala sp. n., are described and illustrated. *Peponapis pacifica* is oligolectic on flowers of *Schizocarpum longisepalum* (Cucurbitaceae) endemic to Mexico, where it is found in the tropical dry forest along the Pacific Coast, between Sonora and Chiapas and in the Balsas River basin; and *P. parkeri* is known only from the Pacific slope of Costa Rica. A key for the North and Central American species of *Peponapis* is provided.

Key words: taxonomy, Hymenoptera, Apidae, squash bees, Cucurbitaceae, *Schizocarpum*.

Resumen. Se describen e ilustran 2 especies nuevas de abejas, *Peponapis pacifica* Ayala and Griswold sp. n. y *P. parkeri* Griswold and Ayala sp. n. De éstas, *P. pacifica* es oligoléctica sobre flores de *Schizocarpum longisepalum* (Cucurbitaceae), endémica de México, con distribución asociada al bosque tropical caducifolio a lo largo de la vertiente del Pacífico entre Sonora y Chiapas y en la Cuenca del río Balsas; *P. parkeri* es conocida sólo para la vertiente del Pacífico de Costa Rica. Se incluye una clave para las especies de América del norte y central.

Palabras clave: taxonomía, Hymenoptera, Apidae, abejas de calabazas, Cucurbitaceae, *Schizocarpum*.

Introduction

Revisionary studies of bees of the genus *Peponapis* (Hurd and Linsley, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1970) confirm Mexico as the center of *Peponapis* diversity with numbers diminishing north to Canada and south into southern South America (Michener, 2007). The genus is exclusive to America, with 15 known species (including 2 herein described), of which 11 are present in North America, all in Mexico (Ayala et al., 1996), 7 in Central America with 2 in Costa Rica, and only 3 for South America, 1 reaching Argentina (Table 1; Hurd and Linsley, 1964, 1966, 1967; Moure et al., 2007).

Hurd and Linsley (1970) present data on the importance of the species of *Peponapis* Robertson and *Xenoglossa* Smith as specialist pollinators of the flowers of *Cucurbita*, including cultivated and wild species of squashes (*Cucurbita*), plants that also have an important center of diversification in Mexico (Merrick and Bates, 1989; Lira-Saade, 1995). The relation between the distribution of *Peponapis* and *Cucurbita*, and the analysis of probable

original distributions of these bees and plants, previous to the dispersal of squashes by domestication, is presented by Giannini et al. (2010). Most of the known species of *Peponapis* are crepuscular; their activity occurs at dusk and resumes in the early hours of the morning, in synchrony with the anthesis of *Cucurbita* flowers. Many of the species of this genus also visit flowers of *Ipomoea* (Convolvulaceae), plants that may be an important nectar source (Hurd and Linsley, 1964). These bees play a critical role as unmanaged pollinators, providing important ecosystem services (Klein et al., 2007). Concern has been raised that these pollinator services may be in jeopardy (Mayer et al., 2011). Therefore, it is necessary to emphasize their importance and to develop strategies for their conservation.

Here we describe 2 new species and provide a key to the species of North and Central American *Peponapis*, modified from Hurd and Linsley (1966).

Materials and methods

The specimens from Mexico used in the descriptions were collected during a study of the bee fauna of Chamela (Ayala, 1989, 2004). Subsequently, the PCAM

Table 1. List of the known species of *Peponapis* with distributions

<i>Species</i>	<i>North America</i>	<i>Central America</i>	<i>South America</i>
<i>Peponapis apiculata</i> (Cresson, 1878)	MX	CR, GT, SV	
<i>P. atrata</i> (Smith, 1879)	MX	GT	
<i>P. azteca</i> Hurd and Linsley, 1966	MX	GT	
<i>P. citrullina</i> (Cockerell, 1912)			TT, VE, CO, EC, PE, CL
<i>P. crassidentata</i> (Cockerell, 1949)	US, MX	CR, HN, NI, SV,	
<i>P. fervens</i>			AR, BO, BZ, PY, UY
<i>P. limitaris</i> (Cockerell, 1906)	US, MX	CR, GT, HN, NI, SV, PA	BZ
<i>P. melonis</i> (Friese, 1925)			EC
<i>P. michelbacherorum</i> Hurd and Linsley, 1964	US, MX		
<i>P. pacifica</i> sp. nov.	MX		
<i>P. pruinosa</i> (Say, 1837)	CA, US, MX		
<i>P. smithi</i> Hurd and Linsley, 1966	MX		
<i>P. parkeri</i> sp. nov.		CR	
<i>P. timberlakei</i> Hurd and Linsley, 1964	US, MX		
<i>P. utahensis</i> (Cockerell, 1905)	US, MX	CR, GT, NI, SV	

Country abbreviations. AR: Argentina, BO: Bolivia, BZ: Brazil, CA: Canada, CL: Chile, CO: Colombia, CR: Costa Rica, EC: Ecuador; GT: Guatemala, HN: Honduras, MX: Mexico, NI: Nicaragua, PA: Panama, PE: Peru, PY: Paraguay, SV: El Salvador; TT: Trinidad and Tobago, US: Unites States, UY: Uruguay, VE: Venezuela.

project (Programa Cooperativo sobre la Apifauna Mexicana) provided additional specimens that expanded their distribution in Mexico. Morphological terminology follows Michener (2007). In the description the following abbreviations are used: F, flagellar segment; T, terga (um); S, sterna (um). To illustrate the genitalia, the structure was placed in 10% KOH solution for approximately 24 hrs, then rinsed in distilled water and dehydrated with 90% ethanol, before being transferred to glycerin for study and illustration. Genitalia were stored in glycerin in a microvial attached to the pin of the specimen. Photomicrographs were taken using an Olympus SZH10 microscope and a Keyence® VHX-500F Digital Imaging System.

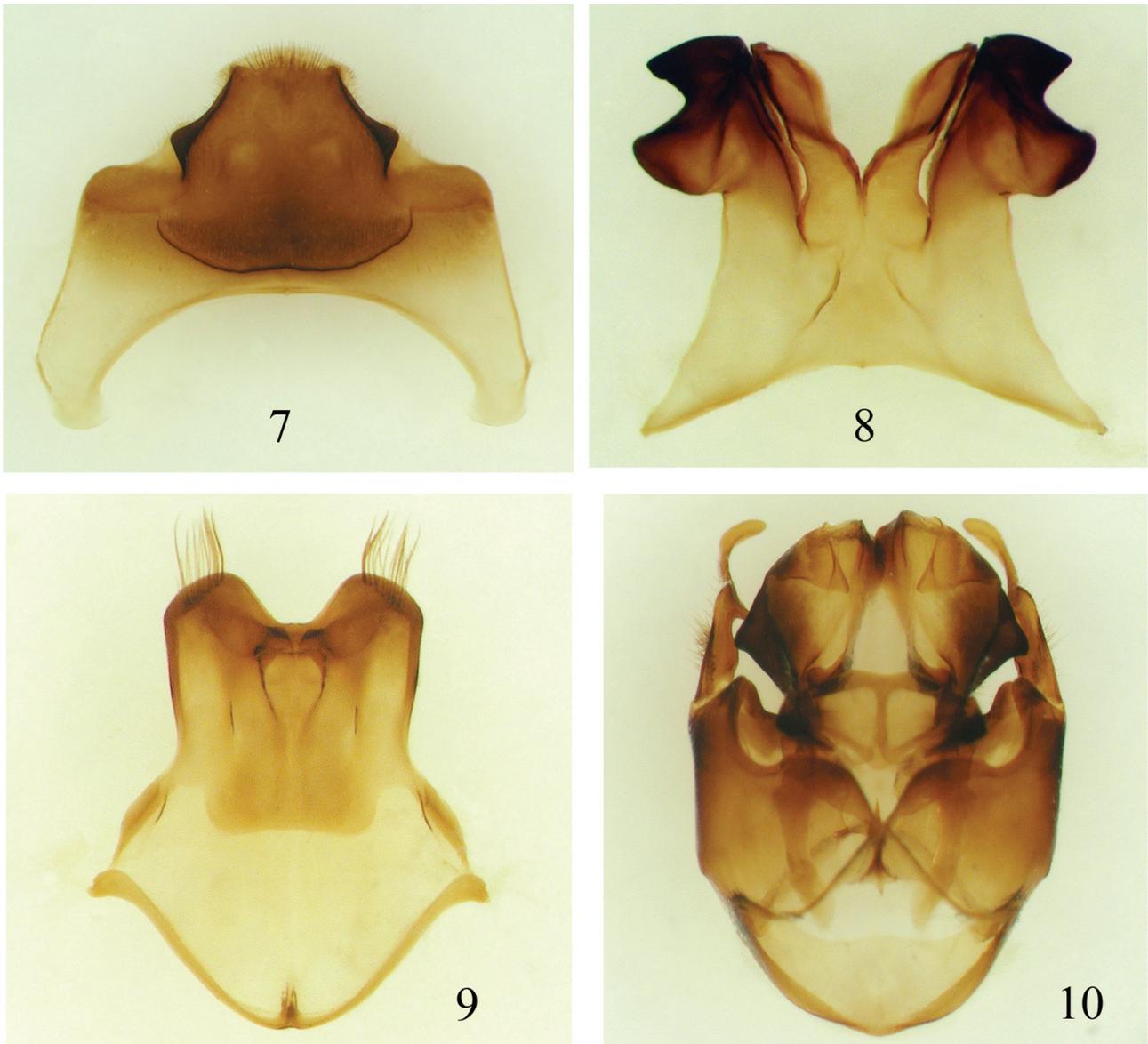
Peponapis pacifica Ayala and Griswold sp. n. (Figs. 1-10)
Peponapis sp. Ayala, 1989: 403, 430
Peponapis sp. n. Ayala, 2004: 201

Diagnosis: Males (Fig. 1) are easily separable from those of other *Peponapis* species by the following characteristics: labrum with distinct notch on distal margin (Fig. 5) that is lacking in other species; median flagellar segments crenulate (Fig. 3); prominent tuft of dark brown or black hairs basoventrally on hind tibia (Fig. 4); and distinctive shape of S6 with posterior medial projection, rounded distal margin and angular lateral projections (Fig. 7). Females are separable from other North American *Peponapis* by the almost completely dark pubescence, and the presence of a design of whitish hairs on the mesoscutum (Figs. 2, 6) (other species have mostly brown pubescence).

Description. *Holotype male* (Fig. 1). Body length, 13.00 mm; integument black except as noted below. Head: width, 4.11 mm; length, 3.05 mm; dorsal interocular distance, 2.21 mm; ventral interocular distance, 2.31 mm; eye length, 2.36 mm; eye maximum width, 1.23 mm; maxillary palpi with 4 segments, decreasing in length from first to last; mandible with 2 apical teeth, inner one wider, deep notch between teeth at 90° angle, internal (superior) margin with third, smaller denticle at three quarters of length of structure, subapical quarter reddish brown, brown spot subapically on external surface, inferior margin with white plumose hairs; labrum wider than long, with shallow notch on apical margin, with abundant decumbent white or yellow, apically directed pubescence, as long as pubescence on inferior margin of mandible, external surface dark brown with large yellow central mark (Fig. 5); clypeus with width almost twice length (1.16 mm: 2.30 mm), strongly produced in lateral view, with wide yellow spot subapically, apical margin light brown, granulate, with marked furrow, superficial punctures large, dense, but not contiguous, pubescence sparse; malar space as wide as clypeocular space; interantennal distance greater than antennocular (0.77 mm: 0.39 mm); scape swollen (0.44 mm), as long as interantennal distance (0.77 mm); F1 much shorter than F2 (0.20 mm: 0.69 mm); F2-F8 with rounded projections on inferior margin that give flagellum a crenulate aspect; facial pubescence yellow; ocellocular space with well defined depression; posterior interocellar distance larger than ocellocular space (0.68 mm: 0.59 mm); pubescence behind ocellus yellow, curved forward; vertex with narrow line of black pubescence interrupted medially, succeeded



Figures 1-6. *Peponapis pacifica* sp. n. 1, male in lateral view; 2, female in lateral view; 3, frontal view of male, showing crenulate antennae; 4, hind leg of male, showing tuft of setose hairs on femur basoventrally; 5, labrum of female with concave distal margin and yellow maculation, and 6, dorsal view of mesosoma of female.



Figures 7-10. *Peponapis pacifica* sp. n. Male. 7, 8 and 9: S6, S7 and S8, respectively; 10, genital capsule in dorsal view.

by abundant yellow pubescence. Mesosoma: pronotum with smooth, shining integument, except with dense, irregular punctures posterolaterally and on pronotal lobe; mesoscutum wider than long (3.59 mm: 2.95 mm), with integument granulate, slightly shining, with superficial punctures dense but separate; pubescence brown, short, with integument visible; scutellum with width slightly more than twice length (2.24 mm: 0.99 mm), punctures deep, closer than those on mesoscutum, pubescence short, brown, with some intermixed black hairs; metanotum with punctures similar to those on mesoscutum; tegula with dark brown integument, almost black; mesepisternum with granulate integument, punctures small, separated,

pubescence yellow; propodeum with striate punctures on superior half of propodeal triangle, elsewhere smooth and shining, lateral surface with irregular granular integument, light brown, abundant pubescence. Wings: translucent with black venation; length of forewing, 10.04 mm, breadth, 3.46 mm. Legs: integument dark brown on apices of tibiae and tarsi except basitarsi; fore and mid legs with whitish pubescence on coxae, femora and tibiae; basitarsi with brown pubescence on anterior margins, posterior margin and external surface with pubescence dark brown, with light ends, these longer than hairs present on anterior margin; tarsi with brown pubescence; mid basitarsus almost double length of corresponding tibial spur (1.72

mm: 0.88 mm); hind femur with well defined tuft of dark reddish apically curved setose hairs (Fig. 4); hind tibia with whitish plumose pubescence except darker on extreme base, longer on posterior margin; hind basitarsus with dark brown plumose pubescence on posterior margin; external surface with sparse, plumose, brown pubescence; anterior margin with pubescence simple. Metasoma: terga with small, deep, uniform, punctures; T4 with smooth, shining integument, with apical hair band, width of band slightly less than minimum wide of F2 (0.22 mm: 0.29 mm), anterior surface of T1 with length and color of pubescence as on mesosoma, rest of the surface with short pubescence; T2 with basal pubescence laterally; T3-T5 with medially interrupted subapical bands of whitish pubescence, with some long black hairs; T6 with very narrow apical furrow; pubescence black; T7 with broadly rounded apical truncation, surface longitudinally striate, densely covered with dark pubescence, with black pubescence on lateral margin of pygidial plate; T2-T6 with lateral carinae, those on T5-T6 projecting posteriorly as small teeth; sterna black, with long, light pubescence curved ventrally; S6-S8 as in Figs. 7-9; genital capsule as in Fig. 10.

Female. Body length, 14.00 mm; integument black except as noted below; pubescence black and gray in macroscopic view (Figs. 2, 6). Head: length, 3.24 mm; width, 4.57 mm; dorsal interocular distance, 2.45 mm; ventral interocular distance, 2.70 mm; eye length, 2.61 mm; maximum eye width, 1.43 mm; mandible with 2 apical teeth little prominent, integument reddish medially, distally with orange brown spot extending almost to apex, inferior margin with whitish and dark pubescence; malar area very narrow; labrum with small, dense, superficial punctures; integument slightly shining, granulate, covered with abundant whitish, narrowly plumose hairs; clypeus with dense, superficial punctures, integument slightly shining, granular, apical margin with well defined furrow; face and frontal area with whitish pubescence; scape almost as long as F1 and F2 combined (0.96 mm: 1.02 mm), F1 twice length of F2 (0.68 mm: 0.34 mm); ocellular distance shorter than distance between lateral ocelli (0.59 mm: 0.77 mm); pubescence of ocellar triangle whitish; vertex with black pubescence, becoming whitish posteriorly. Mesosoma: pronotum with whitish pubescence; mesoscutum wider than long (3.93 mm: 3.15 mm), punctures superficial, integument slightly shining, granular, pubescence black and whitish intermixed, posterolateral tuft and posterior margin with whitish hairs; scutellum with strongly granulated integument, pubescence of disc black, whitish on posterior margin; metanotum with integument more granular than on mesoscutum, with whitish pubescence; tegula dark brown, with pubescence black except white medially; mesepisternum with

punctures as on mesoscutum, pubescence black. Wings: wings translucently darkened; length of forewing, 10.15 mm; width, 3.46 mm. Legs: pubescence black, except dark reddish brown on trochanters and bases of femora; fore tibia with long hairs, but shorter than length of fore tibia; mid tibial spur slightly longer than half of mid basitarsus (1.18 mm: 2.07 mm); hind tibia with the pubescence of anterior margin slightly shorter than on posterior margin, where slightly more plumose and with lighter tips; hind basitarsus rhomboid, pubescence on posterior margin long, plumose, on anterior margin shorter, simple. Propodeum with whitish pubescence, but grayish on sides, integument of posterior surface shining smooth. Metasoma: T1-T4 with well defined apical bands; T1 on anterior surface with whitish pubescence of similar length (some specimens with some dark hairs in middle), dorsal anterior area with band of dark pubescence, followed by narrow line of whitish pubescence mainly on carinate angle; T2 with anterolateral tuft of whitish pubescence; T3 and T4 with transverse, medially interrupted bands of primarily whitish pubescence with some long black hairs interspersed; T5 with white tuft posterolaterally, rest of surface with black pubescence, denser towards medial area; T6 with pygidial plate half oval in form, slightly truncated; S1 and S2 brown, S3-S7 with black pubescence.

Variation. In the males, the yellow spot on the clypeus (Fig. 3) varies in size and intensity, from intense in Sonora to almost absent in Chiapas. Females vary in the width of impunctate margin of T2.

Taxonomic summary

Type material. Holotype ♂. **Mexico.** Jalisco, Chamela, 13-X-1985, S. H. Bullock #1942. Paratypes same locality as holotype, 1/8-X-1985, F. D. Parker and T. L. Griswold, 3 ♂, 4 ♀; 11-X-1985, R. Ayala (RA 228), 1 ♂; 13-X-1985, S.H. Bullock #1942, 1 ♂; Melaque 27 km NW, 8-X-1993, L. Carrillo, A. Rodríguez and F. Noguera, 2? The holotype and 6 paratypes in the National Collection of Insects, Instituto de Biología, UNAM; 2 paratypes in USDA Bee Biology and Systematics Laboratory, Utah State University, Logan, UT; 2 paratypes in Essig Museum of Entomology, University of California, Berkeley, CA; and 1 paratype in the Biodiversity Institute, Entomology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

Additional material. **Mexico.** Chiapas, El Sumidero, 14-IX-1974, G. Bohart and W. Hanson, ex "calabaza", 4 ♂. Jalisco, Tapalpa 7 km W, Mirador de Sayula, 6-X-2007, R. Ayala, ex *Shizocarpum longisepalum*, 1 ♀. Michoacán, Los Sabinos, 28 km S Ario de Rosales, 1190 m, 29-X-1987. T. Griswold, 1 ♂. Oaxaca, Totolapan 20 mi E., 17-IX-1973, W. J. Hanson and W. H. Haws, ex "squash", 3 ♂. 3.5 km NE Puerto Angel, 26-27-X-1989, A. Rodríguez and F. Noguera, 4 ♂. Sonora, Alamos, 27-VIII-1976, Hanson

and Schwartz, ex “calabaza”, 1 ♂. Specimens deposited in Estación de Biología Chamela, IBUNAM and USDA-ARS Bee Biology and Systematics Laboratory.

Etymology. The name “pacifica” makes reference to the known distribution of this species in Mexico throughout the coastal slope of the Pacific.

Distribution. Known throughout the coastal slope of the Pacific, between Sonora and Chiapas, and in the Balsas basin, in the state of Michoacán. It has been collected at elevations from sea level to around 1 000 m following the distribution of areas with tropical dry forest and the ecotone with cloud forest or pine and oak forest.

Remarks. Despite extensive collections on flowers of *Cucurbita* in Mexico, P. D. Hurd and collaborators failed to collect *P. pacifica*, possibly because they generally searched for bees early in the morning on the large orange flowers of *Cucurbita*, during the height of activity for the majority of the species of *Peponapis*. The specimens of *P. pacifica* from the Chamela biological station were collected on flowers of *Schizocarpum longisepalum* Jeffrey, a Cucurbitaceae (Lira-Saade, 1995, 1997; Lott, 2002) with yellow greenish flowers and greenish nectar guides that, unlike the orange flowers of *Cucurbita*, open in the morning and remain open throughout the day. Thus, *P. pacifica* is active diurnally and presumably primarily visits *Schizocarpum*, though it at least occasionally visits other Cucurbitaceae; some specimens were collected on flowers of domestic pumpkin. *Schizocarpum* is a genus with 11 species found in Mexico and Guatemala, apparently associated with the dry deciduous tropical forests of the west slopes, and is not present in the Yucatan Peninsula or the Gulf of Mexico slope (Lira-Saade, 1997). The association of *P. pacifica* with *Schizocarpum* suggests the possibility that additional undescribed species of *Peponapis* exist on flowers of other species of Cucurbitaceae.

At the Chamela field station, the type locality of *P. pacifica*, and surrounding areas, there are 3 other species of *Peponapis*, *P. utahensis* (Cockerell, 1905), *P. azteca* Hurd and Linsley, 1966 and *P. crassidentata* (Cockerell, 1949), all matinal and crepuscular visitors to flowers of *Cucurbita aryosperma sororia* (L. H. Bailey) Merrick and Bates, as well as cultivated squashes (*Cucurbita*) and several species of *Ipomoea* (Lott, 2002; Ayala, 2004).

Peponapis parkeri Griswold and Ayala sp. nov. (Figs. 11-20)

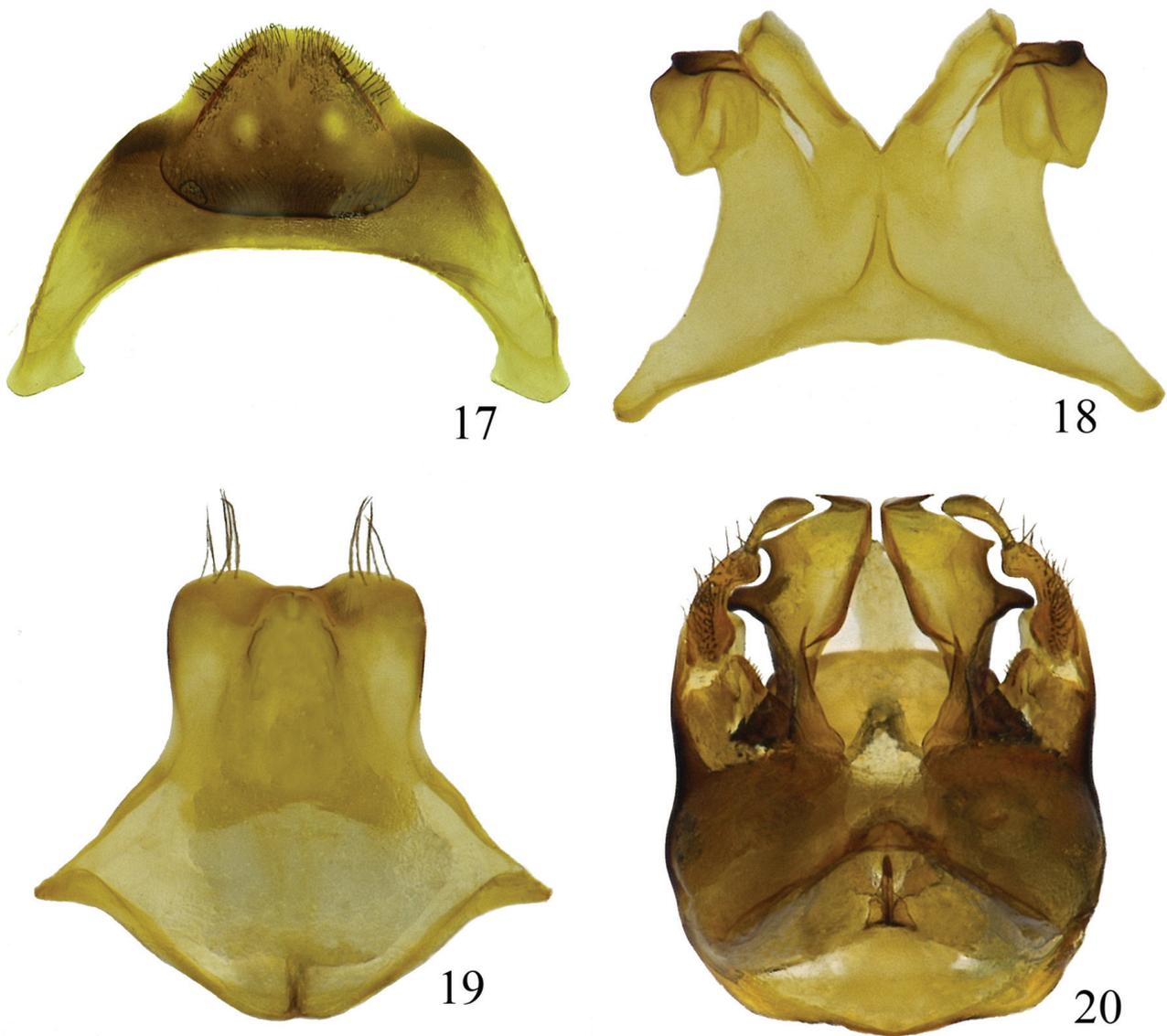
Diagnosis: males can be distinguished from all other *Peponapis* by the dark pubescence of the labrum. In addition, the combination of narrow impunctate margin on T1 and very short F1 distinguish *P. parkeri*. The dark hairs of the labrum will separate females from the northern South American *P. citrullina* (Cockerell) and all other North American *Peponapis*, except *P. atrata* Hurd and

Linsley. It can be distinguished from *P. atrata* by the light scopa and the presence of light tergal bands. Additional diagnostic characters include the combination of T1 with distinct, dense punctures on the disc (Fig. 15) and very narrow impunctate margin; complete light hair bands on T3-T5; largely dark haired mesoscutum; and maxillary palpus 5-segmented.

Description. *Holotype male* (Fig. 11), body length, 10.0 mm; integument black except as noted below. Head: width 3.45 mm; length, 2.64 mm; dorsal interocular distance, 2.18 mm; ventral interocular distance, 2.14 mm; length of ocular orbit, 1.77 mm, maximum width, 0.64 mm; maxillary palpi with 5 segments, decreasing in length from first to last; mandible with 2 apical teeth, internal not wider, shallow notch between teeth at less than 90° angle, internal (superior) margin with third smaller denticle at four fifths length from base, subapical quarter reddish brown, brown spot subapically on external surface, inferior margin with dark plumose hairs; labrum as wide as long, without notch on apical margin, with abundant decumbent dark apically directed pubescence as long as pubescence on inferior margin of mandible, external surface without yellow central mark; clypeus with width less than twice length (1.88 mm: 1.12 mm), strongly produced in lateral view, with small, irregular yellow spot subapically, apical margin dark brown, granulate, with indistinct furrow, superficial punctures large, dense, but not contiguous, pubescence sparse; malar space wider than clypeocular space; interantennal distance greater than antennocular (0.76 mm: 0.39 mm); scape swollen (0.38 mm), shorter than interantennal distance (0.76 mm); F1 much shorter than F2 (0.22 mm: 0.79 mm); flagellomeres without rounded projections on inferior margin, flagellum not appearing crenulate (Fig. 13); facial pubescence intermixed white and dark, with white predominant just above antennal socket; ocellular space with well defined depression; posterior interocellar distance approximately equal to ocellular distance (0.65 mm: 0.61 mm); pubescence behind ocellus largely dark; vertex with narrow line of black pubescence interrupted medially, succeeded by abundant white pubescence. Thorax: Pronotum with smooth, shining integument, except for dense, irregular punctures posterolaterally and on lateral lobe; mesoscutum wider than long (2.47 mm: 2.02 mm), with integument granulate, rather shining, with superficial punctures, moderately dense becoming sparse posteromedially; pubescence black except white along margins, long, integument visible; scutellum with width slightly more than twice length (1.78 mm: 0.77 mm), punctures shallow, much closer than on mesoscutum, pubescence short, black; metanotum with punctures similar to those on mesoscutum; tegula with reddish



Figures 11-16. *Peponapis parkeri* sp. n. 11, male in lateral view; 12, female in lateral view; 13, frontal view of male; 14, hind leg of male; 15, T1 of the female; 16, dorsal view of mesosoma of female.



Figures 17-20. *Peponapis parkeri* sp. n. Male. 17, 18 and 19: S6, S7 and S8, respectively; 20, genital capsule in dorsal view.

integument; mesepisternum with granulate integument, punctures small, separated, pubescence mixed light and dark; propodeum rugulose in propodeal triangle, lateral surface with irregular granular integument, pubescence long, abundant yellow. Wings: translucent with brown venation; length of forewing 8.58 mm, breadth 2.83 mm. Legs: integument dark brown on tarsi except basitarsi; legs with mixture of light and dark pubescence on tibiae and tarsi; mid basitarsus less than twice length of corresponding tibial spur (1.23 mm: 0.75 mm); hind femur with hairs denser towards base, without tuft of setose hairs (Fig. 14); Metasoma: terga with small, distinct, uniform, punctures; anterior surface of T1 with pubescence length and color as on mesosoma, rest of

the surface with short pubescence; T2 with basal light pubescent band, partially covered by T1 and weak subapical band laterally; T3-T5 with uninterrupted subapical bands of whitish pubescence, with scattered long black hairs; T6 with pubescence dark brown; T7 reddish apically, with broadly rounded apical truncation, surface longitudinally striate, sparsely covered with dark pubescence, with black pubescence on lateral margin of pygidial plate; T2-T6 with lateral carinae, not projecting posteriorly as small tooth; sterna with long mixed light and dark, straight pubescence; S6-S8 as in Figs. 17-19; genital capsule as in Fig. 20.

Female. Body length, 11.00 mm; integument black except as noted below; pubescence dark and reddish in

macroscopic view (Figs. 12, 15, 16). Head: length, 2.73 mm; width, 4.00 mm; dorsal interocular distance, 2.41 mm; ventral interocular distance, 2.47 mm; eye length, 1.92 mm; maximum eye width, 0.78 mm; mandible with 1 apical tooth, integument reddish medially, distally with orange brown spot extending almost to apex, inferior margin with dark pubescence; malar area narrow; labrum with small, dense, superficial punctures; integument shining, covered with abundant dark, narrowly plumose hairs; clypeus with dense, superficial punctures, integument slightly shining, granular, apical margin with well defined furrow; face with mostly dark pubescence except horizontal supra-antennal band and lower paraocular area; scape shorter than F1 and F2 combined (0.56 mm: 0.76 mm), F1 almost twice length of F2 (0.66 mm: 0.25 mm); ocellular distance shorter than distance between lateral ocelli (0.66 mm: 0.69 mm); pubescence of ocellar triangle dark; vertex with black pubescence, becoming whitish posterolaterally. Mesosoma: pronotum with dark pubescence; mesoscutum wider than long (2.91 mm: 2.14 mm), punctures superficial, integument shining, slightly granular, pubescence black on disk, yellow anteriorly and posteriorly, yellow along lateral margin (Fig. 16); scutellum with strongly granulated integument, pubescence of disc black, whitish on lateral margin; metanotum with integument as granulate as scutellum, pubescence whitish; tegula reddish, pubescence light; mesepisternum with punctures much finer, sparser than on mesoscutum, pubescence mixed dark and light (Fig. 16). Wings: wings translucently darkened; length of forewing, 8.46 mm; width, 2.73 mm. Legs: pubescence black, except light on apices of fore and mid tibiae, hind femur and hind tibia almost entirely; fore tibia with long hairs, but shorter than length of fore tibia; mid tibial spur slightly longer than half of mid basitarsus (0.94 mm: 1.26 mm); hind tibia with the pubescence of anterior margin slightly shorter than on posterior margin, where more plumose; hind basitarsus rhomboid, pubescence on posterior margin long, plumose, on anterior margin

simple, shorter. Propodeum with yellowish pubescence, long laterally. Metasoma: T1 with pubescence of anterior surface long, erect, yellowish, dorsal area with band of dark pubescence, with whitish on lateral edge; T2 with anterolateral tuft of whitish pubescence mostly covered by T1, with weak lateral subapical white band; T3-T5 with well defined uninterrupted subapical bands; T5 with dark apical fimbria; T6 with pygidial plate half oval in form; S1 and S2 brown, S3 and S4 with light margins; S3-S7 with brown, erect pubescence.

Variation. In the males, the yellow spot on clypeus varies in size and intensity, and is absent in one individual.

Taxonomic summary

Type material. Holotype ♂. **Costa Rica**, Alajuela, Bijagua, 20 km S Upala, 5-18-III-1991, F. D. Parker. Paratypes: same data as holotype, 3 ♂, 1 ♀; same locality and collector, 20-I-12-II-1991, 2 ♂; 19-II-1991, 2 ♂; 12-II-5-III-1991, 4 ♂; Guanacaste, Finca Montezuma, 3 km SE Río Naranjo, XII-1991, 2 ♂; 10/23-I-1992, 1 ♂; 19/24-II-1992, 1 ♂; 29-I-8-II-1993, 1 ♂; 18/21-II-1993, 1 ♂; 12/20-III-1993, 1 ♂. Holotype deposited in the U. S. National Pollinating Insects Collection, USDA Bee Biology and Systematics Laboratory, Utah State University, Logan, UT; paratypes in the U. S. National Pollinating Insects Collection and INBio.

Etymology. It is a great pleasure to name this bee after Frank Parker, who has been a mentor and friend to both authors.

Distribution. Known throughout the Pacific slope of Costa Rica.

Remarks. This species is most similar to the South American *P. citrullina*, which ranges as far north as Colombia (Hurd and Linsley, 1967).

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Key to species of North and Central American *Peponapis*

1. Males, antennae with 13 segments; metasoma with 7 visible segments. 2
- Females, antennae with 12 segments; metasoma with 6 visible segments. 13
- 2(1). Labrum with broad notch on the distal margin (Fig. 5); hind femur with well defined tuft of setose hairs basoventrally (Fig. 4). *Peponapis pacifica* n. sp.
- Labrum normal, with distal margin rounded; hind femur without tuft of setose hairs basoventrally.....3
- 3(2). Malar area short, minimum length much less than minimum diameter of F1; T6 without strong tooth on each side; T7 not angulately produced laterally (Hurd and Linsley, 1966). 4
- Malar area moderately long, minimum length approximately equal to minimum diameter of F1; T6 with strong tooth on each side; T7 angulate laterally (Hurd and Linsley, 1966; Fig. 12). *Peponapis crassidentata*

4(3). F1 short, maximum length $\frac{1}{2}$ or less that of F2; clypeus black, ferruginous, or at least immaculate on basal third. 5
 -- F1 long, maximum length exceeding that of F2; clypeus chiefly or entirely yellow. *Peponapis timberlakei*

5(4). Tegulae brownish-black or black; vestiture of thorax chiefly brownish-black or black, though not infrequently with some whitish pubescence on dorsum, anteriorly and laterally. 6
 -- Tegulae yellow to reddish; vestiture of thorax chiefly or entirely pale. 7

6(5). Apical margin of T2 more narrowly impunctate than apical margin of T1; apical metasomal terga usually reddish pubescent. *Peponapis apiculata*
 -- Apical margin of T2 more broadly impunctate than apical margin of T1; apical metasomal terga without reddish pubescence. *Peponapis atrata*

7(5). T2 with subapical band of pale pubescence present at least laterally. 8
 -- T2 without subapical band of pale pubescence. 10

8(7). Pubescence of labrum dark; F1 very short, length on shortest side no longer than malar space; T1 impunctate margin much narrower than width of lateral ocellus *Peponapis parkeri* n. sp.
 -- Pubescence of labrum light; F1 moderately short, length on shortest side longer than malar space; T1 impunctate margin as broad as width of lateral ocellus. 9

9(8). Pale pubescent bands of terga broad and usually complete; S6 with pair of converging lateral carinae at most feebly bowed inward, weakly elevated apically (Hurd and Linsley 1966: Fig. 4); scutellum entirely light-haired. *Peponapis pruinosa*
 -- Pale pubescent bands of terga narrow and usually broadly interrupted medially; S6 with pair of converging lateral carinae conspicuously bowed inward, strongly lamelliform apically (Hurd and Linsley 1966: Fig. 2); scutellum with at least some dark hairs. *Peponapis limitaris*

10(7). Apical flagellar segments strongly crenulate on inferior surfaces; apical flagellar segment curved; maxillary palpi 6-segmented. 11
 -- Apical flagellar segments subcylindrical, not crenulate on inferior surfaces; apical flagellar segment straight; maxillary palpi 5-segmented. 12

11(10). T5 with distal hair band not reaching apical margin; S6 lateral carina distinctly curved apically (Hurd and Linsley 1966: Fig. 3); anterior ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by more than basal thickness of F1. *Peponapis michelbacherorum*
 -- T5 with distal hair band reaching apical margin; S6 lateral carina straight apically (Hurd and Linsley 1966: Fig. 6); anterior ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by less than basal thickness of F1 *Peponapis utahensis*

12(10). Labrum yellow or at least partly so; apical margin of T2 narrowly impunctate medially, nearest punctures medially separated from apical rim by less than minimum width of F2; lateral carina of S6 not raised posteriorly. ... *Peponapis azteca*
 -- Labrum dark, not maculated with yellow; apical margin of T2 broadly impunctate medially, nearest punctures medially separated from apical rim by more than minimum width of F2; lateral carina of S6 strongly raised posteriorly. *Peponapis smithi*

13(1). Tegulae brownish-black or black; vestiture of thorax chiefly or entirely brownish-black or black. 14
 -- Tegulae yellow or reddish; vestiture of thorax partly or entirely pale. 16

14(13). Very dark bees, almost black but thorax with whitish pubescence intermixed, terga with bands of whitish pubescence (Figs. 2, 6). *Peponapis pacifica* sp. n.
 -- Dark bees, if with pale pubescence on thorax then brown; terga with bands of yellowish or brown pubescence. 15

15(14). Apical margin of T2 more narrowly impunctate than apical margin of T1; apical terga usually reddish pubescent. *Peponapis apiculata*
 -- Apical margin of T2 at least as broadly impunctate as apical margin of T1; apical terga without reddish pubescence. ... *Peponapis atrata*

16(13). Apical margin of T2 very narrowly impunctate, punctures nearest to apical rim medially closer than minimum width of F2. 17
 -- Apical margin of T2 more broadly impunctate, punctures nearest to apical rim medially much farther removed than minimum width of F2. 21

17(16). Inner hind tibial spur conspicuously longer than outer one, its distal apex much surpassing that of outer spur; T2 without apical band of pale pubescence or weakly present laterally. 18

- Inner and outer hind tibial spurs of approximately equal length, the inner spur scarcely surpassing the outer one; T2 with subapical band, often interrupted, of pale pubescence. *Peponapis timberlakei*
18(17). T1 largely or entirely darkly pubescent; maxillary palpus 5-segmented.19
-- T1 entirely pale pubescent; maxillary palpus 6-segmented.20
19(18). Disc of T1 with punctures indistinct, sparse; pygidial plate narrow, acutely angled apically.....*Peponapis azteca*
-- Disc of T1 with punctures distinct, dense, especially near margin; pygidial plate broad, narrowly angled apically.
.....*Peponapis parkeri* sp. n.
20(18). Dorsum of thorax uniformly pale pubescent; anterior ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by more than basal width of F1.*Peponapis michelbacherorum*
-- Dorsum of thorax not uniformly pale pubescent, intermixed with much black pubescence; anterior ocellus separated from lateral ocellus by less than basal width of F1.*Peponapis utahensis*
21(16). F2 as long as, or longer than F3.*Peponapis smithi*
-- F2 shorter than F3.22
22(21). Tarsal claws with inner ramus less than half as long as outer ramus; scopal hairs densely plumose.
.....*Peponapis crassidentata*
-- Tarsal claws with inner ramus more than half as long as outer ramus; scopal hairs rather sparsely plumose.23
23(22). Impunctate apical margin of T2 widest at middle, nearest punctures there separated from apical terga rim by more than maximum length of F2. *Peponapis pruinosa*
-- Impunctate apical margin of T2 not widened medially, nearest punctures there separated from apical terga rim by much less than maximum length of F2. *Peponapis limitaris*

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