

TWO NEW SPECIES OF DRAGONFLIES FROM VENEZUELA

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In a small collection of dragonflies recently brought to me from Venezuela by Sr. G. Vivas-Berthier there are two species that appear to be new to science, and several others that have not been reported from that country hitherto. There are also a few nymphs of forms quite unlike the nymphs at present known, whose characterization will have to await the rearing of some of them to the determinable adult stage. The two new species are described herewith.

Micrathyria carlota sp. nov.

Length 31 mm.; abdomen 21; hind wing 23, male and female.

This is a handsome, clear-winged, blackish species, with a shining metallic green spot on its head and a pair of large and conspicuous yellow spots on the dorsum of the seventh abdominal segment. The labium is yellow with a large median bell-shaped blackish area that runs out to right and left on its front margin. The labrum is narrowly margined with black. The face is elsewhere entirely yellow, including the sides of the post-clypeus and frons. Both front and rear of the head are thinly besprinkled with whitish hairs. The top of the frons and all the vertex are shining metallic green. Antennae black; occiput black; rear of the head black except for a pair of small yellow sub-median spots behind the occiput.

Prothorax wholly black above, its elevated and bilobed hind margin fringed with long silky hairs. Front of synthorax