

NOTES ON AUSTRALIAN CICADIDÆ.

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(Plate vii).

Division THOPHARIA.

Sub-family CICADINÆ.

Genus *Arunta*, *Distant*.

*ARUNTA FLAVA*, *sp. nov.*

(Plate vii., figs. 1 and 2).

*Head*.—Bright yellow, frontal fascia between eyes, four contiguous spots over front, region of ocelli and hind margins of vertex black. Front depressed and invisible from above.

*Pronotum*.—Bright yellow, two central fasciæ joining at hind and fore borders, and incisures black.

*Mesonotum*.—Yellow, two inner short ob-conical spots, two outer longer fasciæ black margined with light castaneous, two spots before cruciform elevation joining a stout central longitudinal spear-shaped stripe, not reaching anterior margin, black.

*Tegmina*.—Transparent, hyaline, immaculate, venation bright ochraceous merging on apices into warm brown. *Wings* similar, slightly milky on anal area.

*Abdomen* ♂.—Black, margined with light castaneous, tympanal coverings characteristically sac-like and covered with white tomentum. Anal segment also covered similarly. Abdomen below ♂ black, bordered with brown, anal plate yellow; ♀ yellow with central thin, transverse, black fasciæ. ♂ abdomen above light castaneous with central transverse black fasciæ on first six segments.

*Measurements*.—Length of body, ♂ 30 mm.; ♀ 29 mm.; expanse of tegmina, 90 mm.

*Obs*.—Differs from *A. interclusa*, Walk., in its lighter colour, smaller size, less produced front to head, powdered white penultimate segment and unspotted tegmina.

*Hab*.—Rat Island, Port Curtis, Queensland, and Tweed River, New South Wales.