

**On the genus *Nasocoris* REUTER
(Heteroptera: Miridae, Phylinae, Phylini)
in the Middle East**

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ABSTRACT: The species of the Miride genus *Nasocoris* REUTER from the Middle East are revised. Three new species, *N.convexicollis* sp.n. (Palestine), *N.arabicus* sp.n. (Saudi Arabia) and *N.tuberculicollis* sp.n. (Iraq) are described.

INTRODUCTION

The genus *Nasocoris* was described by REUTER (1879: 205) with *N.argyrotrichus* as the type species. The genus was revised by KERZHNER (1970), LINNAVUORI (1968) and WAGNER (1968). Besides four Westmediterranean species (*N.breviceps* WAGNER, 1968, *N.ephedrae* REUTER, 1902, *N.platycranoides* MONTANDON, 1890, and *N.psyche* LINNAVUORI, 1968) six species have been recorded from the Middle East and Middle Asia. These and three new species are treated below. The revision is based on new material obtained from Palestine and Iran.

TAXONOMY

Genus *Nasocoris* REUTER (Miridae, Phylinae, Phylini)

Nasocoris REUTER, 1879: 206 . Type species: *N.argyrotrichus* REUTER.

Diagnosis: A distinctive genus, which is easily recognized by the pale coloring, parallel-sided body, triangular flattish head with strongly protruding tylus, short incrassate rostrum, and gracile antennae and legs.