

Biotope: On *Ephedra strobilacea*.

Distribution: Middle and Central Asia.

***Nasocoris convexicollis* sp.n.** (Figs 1 B, 2 C, 3 D, F, 5 A)

Types: Israel: S.Distr. Nahal Ze'elim, female holotype, 1 paratype, 23.VII.1986; 'En 'Aqrabbim, 11 paratypes, 31.VII-9.VIII.1986, Linnavuori, in coll. Linnavuori.

Description: Length 3.75 mm. Whitish ochraceous. Vertex with two faint curved orangish stripes; eyes pale grayish brown. Antennae pale yellow. Pronotum with faint orangish pattern as indicated in Fig. 2 B. Scutellum reddish with pale midline. Hemelytra uniformly pale, membranes with veins dark brown. Under surface of thorax, save pro- and mesopleura, reddish. Basal half of hind femora purplish. Body gracile, nearly 4 x as long as broad at base of pronotum. Upper surface with semierect pale hairs and, on head and pronotum especially, appressed silvery pubescence. Head slightly broader than basal width of pronotum, eyes large, ocular index 1.08-1.12 (σ), 1.35 (φ). Proportions between antennal segments 35:80:85:38 (σ), 45:82:90:39 (φ), 1st segment 0.58-0.61 (σ) or 0.76-0.80 (φ) x as long as diatone, with long semierect pale hairs, 2nd segment 1.46-1.48 (σ) or 1.32-1.47 x as long as basal width of pronotum, 3rd segment distinctly longer than 2nd. Pronotum 1.7-1.9 x as broad as long in middle, lateral margins shallowly insinuated, apically rounded ventrad, basally obtusely keeled; basal margin smooth, in apicodorsal view distinctly curved with bluntly rounded humeral angles. Fore and middle coxae and femora with long semierect whitish hairs. Tibiae with longish pale hairs and spines. Male genitalia: Vesica gracile with several small teeth behind secondary gonopore.

Biotope: On *Ephedra* sp. in sandy habitats.

Differential diagnosis: Resembling *N.psyche* LINNAVUORI from Sardinia in the long 3rd antennal segment (proportions between antennal segments in *N.psyche* 32:64:67:27) but readily distinguished by the shape of the pronotum: basal margin in *N.psyche* (Figs C, 2 D) less convex and provided with 4 small tubercles, humeral angles in apicodorsal view more prominent, lateral margins rounded ventrad. Moreover, the pronotum is uniformly pale, the eyes are smaller, ocular index 1.82, the 1st antennal segment is shorter, 0.62 x as long as diatone, and the 2nd segment is 1.2 x as long as the basal width of the pronotum.

Material of *N.psyche*: Sardinia: Platamona, female holotype, 11.VII.1949, Servadei, in coll. Linnavuori.