

Ocular index 1.50 — 1.55 ( $\delta$ ), 1.70 — 1.77 ( $\varphi$ ). 1st antennal joint 0.60 — 0.61  $\times$  as long as diatone ( $\varphi$ ), 2nd 1.51 — 1.64  $\times$  as long as basal width of pronotum, 3rd distinctly shorter than 2nd; proportions between the joints 14:41:38:19. Pronotum about 1.7  $\times$  as broad as long; lateral margins distinctly insinuated, basal margin with 4 small tubercles.

Material studied: Turkestan, some, J. SAHLBERG. Range: S. Russia, Turkestan. Host: *Ephedra* sp.

#### 5. *N. psyche* n.sp.

Length 3.75 mm. Whitish. Antennae totally pale yellow. Vertex with two small, indistinct, triangular reddish spots. Pronotum whitish; basal margin with two faint dark median spots. Scutellum reddish, base brownish. Elytra whitish; membrane smoky; veins near cuneus fulvous, the outer vein concolorous, smoky. Femora dilute reddish, apically paler; legs otherwise whitish.

Body small, about 4  $\times$  as long as broad at base of pronotum. Hair covering whitish. Head in profile slightly higher than long (15:17); base of vertex only faintly marginate; ocular index 1.82 ( $\varphi$ ). Proportions between antennal joints 13:27:27:12; 1st joint distinctly tapering apicad, 0.62  $\times$  as long as diatone, with very dense, long, erect, whitish or partly slightly brownish hair covering; 2nd joint 1.17  $\times$  as long as basal width of pronotum, 3rd as long as 2nd. Pronotum broad, 1.92  $\times$  as broad as long; lateral margins slightly insinuated, basal margin with two very faint median tubercles. Fore and middle tibiae with very long, erect white hairs.

Material studied: Sardinia, Platamona, 1  $\varphi$ , type, 11. VII. 1949, SERVADEI. Recorded as *N. platycranoides* MTD. by SERVADEI (1952, p. 455).

Much as *N. argyrotrichus*, but easily distinguished by the smaller size, the dark membrane, the reddish femora and the differences in measurements mentioned above. Differs from the species of the *ephedrae* group in the pale pronotum, the pale hairs of the 1st antennal joint and the long pilosity of the fore and middle tibiae.

#### 6. *N. platycranoides* MTD.

This and the following species are characterized by the remarkably long, reddish 1st antennal joint with a shorter and more adpressed hair covering (hairs not longer than the greatest width of the joint) than in the other species; hairs rather pale. The hairs of the tibiae short.

The largest species of the genus, length 4.25 — 5.25 mm. Whitish ochraceous, head anteriorly tinged with fulvous. Antennae yellowish, 1st joint reddish. Pronotum laterally and basally tinged with reddish brown. Scutellum dark reddish brown. Elytra yellow-brown, concolorous; membrane with veins brownish smoky. Femora tinged with reddish.