

Eminoculus, new genus

MACROPTEROUS MALE: Small, stout bodied; entire body surface highly polished, shining; dorsum rugulose or rugose; vestiture variable.

Head vertical, very broad, eyes stylate; frons convex; head viewed anteriorly V-shaped below eyes; juga bulging; bucculae expanded; gula obsolete; antennae inserted below ventral margin of eyes at about level of dorsal margin of clypeus; antennal segment 1 moderately enlarged, segment 2 tapering slightly proximally, distal diameter nearly equal to diameter of segment 1, segments 3 and 4 about equal to proximal diameter of segment 2; pronotum nearly flat longitudinally, weakly convex transversely, with flattened collar about as wide as diameter of antennal segment 1, lateral margins very slightly concave, posterior margin weakly concave across scutellum; calli well defined, separated medially; mesoscutum broadly exposed, inclined anteriorly; scutellum nearly flat; clavi inclined medially to scutellum, forming low ridge along claval commissure; cells of membrane with evenly rounded posterior margin; legs rather short, posterior femora noticeably bowed; tibiae with scattered thin spines on ventral surface, lacking rows of tiny closely-spaced spines; tarsal claws broad basally; parempodia hair-like, parallel; pulvilli relatively large, attached to most of ventral surface of claws.

MALE GENITALIA: Figures 251–253. Phylini-type; structure of vesica, phallosheath, and claspers not showing particularly close relationship to other known genera.

BRACHYPTEROUS FEMALE: See *Eminoculus drosanthemi*.

FEMALE GENITALIA: Figure 254. Posterior wall a simple sclerotized plate; sclerotized rings moderately infolded laterally.

TYPE SPECIES: *Eminoculus drosanthemi*, new species.

This genus is named for its stylate eyes.

Eminoculus is unique among the South African Miridae by virtue of its stylate eyes (which are reminiscent of those of *Pachytomella* Reuter in the Halticini) and peculiar coleopteroid females. The only other described phyline genera with stylate eyes are *Lasiolabops* Poppius and *Lasiolabopella*, in which the eyes are not nearly so conspicuously stalked as in *Eminoculus*. *Eminoculus* is the only known member of the Phylini with a well developed flat pronotal collar. This structure suggests a relationship to the Hallodapini, but other characters, including the form of the male genitalia and the structure of the pulvilli do not support such a relationship.