



Fig. 17. *Tuponia concinnoides* n.sp.: a - b vesica. - *T. obscuriceps* Rt. (specimen from Israel): d right stylus; c left stylus; f theca; h - i vesica. - *T. concinna* Rt. (specimen from Algeria): g right stylus; e theca; j vesica. - Orig.

Material studied: Eupatoria, South Russia, 3 spec. (types), 27 - 30. V. 1905, Jakovlev. - Caspian.

*T. obscuriceps* Rt.

*Tuponia obscuriceps* REUTER 1901, p. 195.

*T. vitticollis* REUTER 1902, p. 67, n.syn.

*T. richteri* E. WAGNER 1957, p. 100 - 101, n. syn.

Length ♂ 2.75 - 3.25 mm., ♀ 2.5 - 2.8 mm. A variable species. Head dirty greyish, somewhat tinged with greenish, with faint fulvous shadows. Pronotum dirty greyish, calli and 3 faint longitudinal stripes on disk usually orangish. Scutellum dirty greyish or greenish, base often ± tinged with orangish. Elytra whitish or dirty orangish (especially in the male), ± densely spotted with green. The green spotting sometimes sparse (as in some specimens of *T. concinna*). Membrane greyish, veins whitish. Under surface whitish ochraceous with orangish shadows. Hind femora with a row of 4 reddish spots on under surface of posterior margin. Sometimes the pronotum and scutellum are uniformly dirty greyish ochraceous and the elytra greenish and membranal veins green (type of *T. obscuriceps*). In the Palestinian specimens, which are somewhat smaller (partly owing to immaturity evidently), the pronotum is greyish or greenish with only very faint longitudinal stripes, the elytra are light green and the membranal veins white. Tibiae with small black spots.

Head unusually broad and short, 0.8 - 0.9 × as broad as basal width of pronotum. Vertex 1.5 - 1.8 × (♂) or 2.0 × (♀) as broad as eye. Proportions between antennal joints 5 + 21 + 15 + 10 (♂) or 5 + 21.5 + 14 + 10 (♀) (1 unit = 0.033 mm.), 2nd joint 0.8 × as long as basal width of pronotum. Rostrum extending to middle coxae. Male genitalia: Right stylus (fig. 17 d) elongate, ending in a sharp apex. Left stylus (fig. 17 c) with hypophysis claw-like, upturned;