



Fig. 18. *Tuponia concinna* Rt.: a left stylus. – *T. conspersa* Rt. (specimen from Israel): d right stylus; b left stylus; c theca; f – g vesica; h vesica of the type specimen from Turkestan. – *T. minutissima* n.sp.: e right stylus; l left stylus; k theca; i – j vesica. – Orig.

sensory lobe ending in a slender apex. Theca (fig. 17 f) broad basally, apex claw-like. Vesica (fig. 17 h – i) characteristic, nearly semicircularly curved, apical half split nearly to base.

Material studied: Algeria, Biskra, 1 ♀, the type of *T. obscuriceps*; 4 spec., the same locality, Noualhier; Algeria, Oued-Rhir, 4 spec., Noualhier (both Biskra and Oued-Rhir are the type localities of *T. vitticollis*). Israel: Beersheba, 2 spec., 19. VI. 1958, l; Beer-Mashash, 12 spec. 23. VI. 1958, l; 'Ein Gedi, 2 spec., 19. VI. 1958, l; Herzliya, 7 spec., 26. VII. 1958, l; Revivim, 5 spec., 22. VI. 1958, l. Saudi Arabia: Er Riyadh, 2 spec., X. 1958, Diehl(!). Iran, Baluchistan: Iranshar, 2 spec. (paratypes of *T. richteri*), 11 – 21. V. 1954, Richter and Schäuffele(!).

On *Tamarix* in central and southern parts of Israel. Occurring with *T. concinnoides*. – Eremian. Previously known only from Algeria.

The species is recognizable by the unusually broad and short head. It must be noted, however, that the head is not as broad as the pronotum (as stated, for instance, in WAGNER's key (1955)), but a little narrower. The longitudinal orangish stripes on the pronotum (if present) form another good character for the species. Moreover, the male genitalia are also unique. The type of *T. obscuriceps* (unfortunately a female) differs from typical specimens as mentioned above. Since, however, I could not find any statistical difference between it and specimens of *T. vitticollis* and since the type locality is likewise the same in both species, I have synonymized them.

(*T. concinna* Rt.)

Length 2.1 – 2.2 mm. Head yellowish, greyish or greenish. Eyes greyish. 1st antennal joint greenish, with a dark subapical ring; other joints ochraceous. Pronotum greenish (♂), greenish or whitish grey with disk ± densely spotted with green, especially basally (♀). Scutellum greenish or yellowish grey, spotted with green. Elytra white, ± densely spotted with green, save along lateral margin of corium and in a small whitish spot in middle of clavus; cuneus