

anterior margin broadly roundedly recurved ventrad from the keeled basal margin of vertex to the tip of tylus, lora obtusely keeled; vertex with faint median sulcus. Antennal pits below middle of median margins of eyes. Antennae long and gracile, hair covering short. 4th joint of rostrum a little shorter than 3rd. Pronotum, scutellum and elytra densely and coarsely punctate. Pronotum: collar narrow but distinct, finely punctate; lateral margins long, straight or insinuated, basal margin insinuated; calli faint, disk convex. Elytra much longer than abdomen, costal margins parallel or roundedly expanded at the level of apex of clavus, corium distinctly declining ventrad laterally. Subcoxae of prothorax punctate, broad, bases of fore coxae therefore relatively far from head. Pleura densely punctate. Legs long and gracile. 2nd and 3rd hind tarsomeres of equal length.

Male genitalia: Apex of pygofer truncate. Apex of right style elongately expanded, apical margin often with tooth-like processes. Left style distinctive: hypophysis gracile, hook-like, strongly recurved upward, sensory lobe rounded.

Biology: On undergrowth in rain and savanna forests.

Distribution: The Ethiopian Region.

Key to species of the genus *Nanniella*

1. Body gracile, nearly 4 × as long as broad at base of pronotum. Pronotum narrow, about 1.4 × as broad as long (total length) with distinctly insinuated lateral margins 2
- Body robust, 3.0–3.5 × as long as broad at base of pronotum. Pronotum about 1.6 × as broad as long, lateral margins (save in *reuteri*) straight 3
2. Large, length 3.5–3.75 mm. Lateral margins of pronotum shallowly insinuated. Head black. Tibiae at least partially black *gracilis*
- Small, length 3.25 mm. Lateral margins of pronotum strongly insinuated. Head yellow-brown. Tibiae yellow-brown with only extreme tips dark *pallidiceps*
3. Large species, length 4 mm. Head golden yellow. Antennae very long, 2nd joint 1.2 × as long as basal width of pronotum *alkithoe*
- Smaller species. Head black. 2nd antennal joint shorter than basal width of pronotum 4
4. Antennae black with 1st joint totally or basally pale yellow *chalybea*
- Antennae pale yellow with minor fuscous markings 5
5. 2nd antennal joint apically infusate. Cuneus blackish *reuteri*
- 2nd antennal joint uniformly pale yellow. Apex of cuneus broadly pale *palustris*

Nanniella alkithoe sp. n.

Fig. 10

Material: Nigeria: B Pl St., Katsina Ala, 1♀, holotype, 19.VIII.1973, Linnavuori, in coll. Linnavuori.

Length 4 mm. Shiny. Black. Head golden yellow; eyes reddish gray. Antennae pale yellow, apex of 2nd joint black. Apex of cuneus broadly pale yellow; membrane dark brown, base of lateral margin with large roundish hyaline spot, median margin also pale. Rostrum and legs whitish yellow, 3rd tarsomeres black.

Body large and broad, 3 × as long as broad at base of pronotum. Hair covering dense, gray. Head 0.75 × as broad as basal width of pronotum, in apical view 1.22 × as broad as long, in lateral view twice as high as long. Ocular index 2.31. Antennae very long; proportions between joints 30:90:77:100, 1st joint 0.54 × as long as diatone, 2nd 1.6 × as long as diatone, 1.2 × as long as basal width of pronotum, 4th joint 1.3 × as long as 3rd. Rostrum extending to hind coxae. Pronotum 1.67 × as broad as long (total length), lateral margins straight, distinctly diverging caudad, collar distinct, disk relatively flattish, densely and rather finely punctate. Scutellum finely wrinkled and punctate. Elytra distinctly expanded in apical third, puncturing dense and relatively fine. Legs long and gracile.

Biology: At lamp in a savanna forest.

Etymology: Greek mythology, Alkithoe, daughter of Minyas, a mythic Mycenaean king.

Nanniella pallidiceps Linnavuori

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Nanniella pallidiceps Linnavuori 1973:83.

Type: Zaire, Lubumbashi, ♂ holotype, 12–19.IV.1971, A. B. Stam, in coll. Linnavuori.

Length 3.25 mm. Shiny black. Head dark yellowish brown; eyes dark brown. 1st antennal joint (others absent) yellow. Cuneus, save basal margin, pale. Membrane brownish smoky, laterally pale. Legs yellow-brown. Hind femora with a longitudinal dark brown stripe on inner surface. Tibiae apically and 3rd tarsomeres black.

Body very gracile, nearly 4 × as long as broad at base of pronotum. Hair covering dense, longish, semierect, pale gray. Head 0.74 × as broad as