



Fig. 16. *Pseudoloxops niobe* sp. n.: a) head, lateral view. — *Mestra leucoptera* gen. et sp. n.: b) male head, lateral view; j) male head, apical view; c) pygofer, dorsal view; d–f) right style in different views; g) left style; h) aedeagus, dorsal view. — *M. erato* sp. n.: i) male head and pronotum, dorsal view; k) pygofer, dorsal view; l–m) right style; n) left style; o) aedeagus, lateral view.

straight, calli small, posterior part of disk flat-tish. Elytra much longer than abdomen, narrow and hyaline. Legs long and gracile. Hind femur about 5 × as long as broad. Hind tibia very slender, > twice as long as basal width of pronotum, tibial spines delicate and pale. 3rd joint of hind tarsus a little longer than 2nd.

Male genitalia: Apex of pygofer conical. Right style with dentate apical part. Left style digitate. Vesica with falcate sclerified processes.

Biology: In rain forests.

Distribution: Guinean.

Etymology: *Mestra*, daughter of Erysisthon, a character in Ovidius's *Metamorphoses*.

Resembling *Pseudoloxops* and *Canariocoris* in the very long 2nd antennal segment. Readily distinguished by the pale coloring, very gracile body, hyaline elytra, and gracile legs. The 2nd antennal joint and hind tibia are twice as long as

the basal width of the pronotum and the 1st antennal joint is more gracile and short-haired.

Key to species of the genus *Mestra*

1. Length 4 mm. 1st antennal segment and extreme base of 2nd black ..... *leucoptera*
- Length 3 mm. Antennae uniformly pale ..... *erato*

***Mestra leucoptera* sp. n.**

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Material: Nigeria: SE St., Obudu cattle ranch, 1♂, holotype, 21.III.1970, J. Medler, in coll. Linnavuori.

Length 4 mm. Subopaque. Whitish. Eyes blackish. Antennae yellowish with 1st joint and extreme base of 2nd black. Apex of scutellum