

Aedeagus broad, provided with dentate, ± sclerified plates, sometimes also with 1–2 falcate or claw-like spiculi.

Description: Color green. Antennae often with dark or red markings. Body remarkably gracile. Hair covering long, semierect, pale. Head short and quadrate, in dorsal view frons extending only slightly beyond anterior margins of eyes and apex of tylus only slightly visible, in lateral view frons and tylus strongly vertically declining ventrad; basal margin of vertex smooth or ± raised and then strongly sloping ventrad; eyes conspicuously set forward, separated by a distinct neck from the anterior margin of the pronotum. Antennal pits inserted near ventral margins of eyes. Antennae long and gracile, 1st joint shorter than diatone, 2nd much longer than basal width of pronotum (exception: *depressus*); hair covering of antennae short. Rostrum extending beyond mesocoxae, sometimes very long extending to middle of venter. Pronotum relatively small, lateral and basal margins distinctly insinuated; anterior margin collar-like, calli elevated, disk sloping laterad. Mesoscutum broadly visible. Elytra hyaline or subhyaline (except in *depressus*), very long. Legs very long and gracile; tibiae with a few very thin pale spines about length of tibial diameter, hind tibiae with longitudinal rows of tiny closely spaced spines; 2nd hind tarsomere longer than 3rd.

Male genitalia: Pygofer conical, base of genital opening sometimes with tubercles. Right style very small. Left style with ± curvate hypophysis, sensory lobe roundedly expanded (in *depressus* the entire style is narrow and falcate). Penis broad, provided with dentate ± sclerified plates (absent in *depressus*), sometimes also with 1–2 falcate or claw-like spiculi.

Owing to weak sclerification specimens of the genus are often ± shrunken. Exact statistical measurements are then impossible.

Biology: In savanna and rain forest habitats. *Z. breviceps* occurs on Malvaceae.

Distribution: Paletropical.

Affinities: *Malacocoris* Fieber (Palearctic) differs from *Zanchius* in the narrower and considerably longer head, in which the frons is more produced and the tylus in dorsal view clearly visible. A description of *Malacocoris* in Wagner 1973:162–163.

Key to the species is West, Central and NE Africa of the genus *Zanchius*

1. Antennal joint 2 with 3–5 red spots ..... 2
- At most, extreme tip of 2nd antennal joint red ..... 3
2. Antennae gracile, 2nd joint with 3 red rings (Fig. 42b), extreme base pale. Eyes small, ocular index (♂) > 1.0. Pronotum with two narrow ± faint whitish longitudinal bands on posterior part of disk ..... *alatanus*
- Antennae incrassate, 2nd joint (Fig. 48a) with 5 (including extreme base) red rings. Eyes in ♂ large, ocular index < 1.0. Pronotum with two broad strongly elevated whitish longitudinal bands on posterior part of disk ..... *bilineatus*
3. Scutellum and elytra with conspicuous pink markings ..... 4
- Scutellum and elytra without red spots ..... 5
4. Large, length > 4.0 mm. Lateral and basal margins of pronotum strongly insinuated. Elytra with two pink spots ..... *ekho*
- Small, length < 3.0 mm. Lateral margins of pronotum straight, basal margin slightly insinuated. Elytra with one pink spot ..... *amabilis*
5. 2nd antennal joint as long as basal width of pronotum ..... *depressus*
- 2nd antennal joint much longer ..... 6
6. 1st antennal joint with longitudinal blackish stripe ..... *montanus*
- Not as above ..... 7
7. Apex of pygofer with plug-like process (Fig. 44b) . 8
- Pygofer different ..... 9
8. 1st antennal joint with distinct red apical spot. Aedeagus with long falcate spiculum ..... *breviceps*
- 1st antennal joint uniformly pale. Spiculum of aedeagus very short ..... *ladameia*
9. Length < 4 mm. Apex of pygofer conical. Hypophysis of left style straight, bidentate ..... *prokris*
- Length > 4 mm. Pygofer and left style dissimilar . 10
10. Apex of pygofer broad, truncate. Hypophysis of left style strongly curved, thick ..... *oreithyia*
- Apex of pygofer provided with two teeth as in Fig. 45h. Hypophysis of left style long and gracile *bidens*

### *Zanchius alatanus* Hoberlandt

Figs. 42–43

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Types: Turkey, Alata, 1♂ and 1♀ paratype, 26.VIII.1947, Exp. M.Mus. ČSR, in coll. Linnavuori.

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