



Fig. 2. *Paralopus striatus* Wagner: (a-b) female head in apical and lateral view; (c) claw; (d) right style; (e) left style in lateral view; (f-g) hypophysis and sensory lobe of left style in broad aspect; (h) theca; (i) vesica.

ground under low herbs in sandy habitats in Saudi Arabia (Linnavuori 1986: 175). The holotype of *P. edithae* was collected at a lamp in a semidesert, the paratype was found under *Matricaria* sp. and other Compositae herbs in a sandy habitat in a wadi.

Distribution. – Eremian.

Key to the species

- 1. Dark. Upper surface and tibiae with small dark dots. Mesosternum embrowned. Apex of vesica with tiny spines *edithae*
- Pale. Upper surface and tibiae immaculate. Mesosternum pale. Apex of vesica with long spines *striatus*

***Paralopus edithae* sp.n.**

(Figs 1, 2 b-f)

Etymology. – The species is dedicated to Edith Södergran (1892-1923), the outstanding poetess in Finland.

Type material. – Palestine: S. Distr., Hazeva, ♂ holotype, 15.IV.1986; 17 km S Be'er-Sheva, ♀ paratype, 27.IV.1986, Linnavuori.

Diagnosis. – Larger and darker. Upper surface and tibiae with small dark dots. Mesosternum embrowned.

Description. – Length ♂ 3.75, ♀ 2.75 mm. Head fulvous, with whitish median stripe starting from tip of clypeus and extending across pronotum to apex of scutellum. Eyes pinkish gray. Antennae pale ochraceous. Pronotum fulvous, extreme lateral margins and median stripe white, poorly delimited faint sublateral bands also whitish. Scutellum, excluding white median stripe, olivaceous with faint dark dots. Elytra olivaceous with minute dark dots; commissural margin of clavus and costal margins of corium and cuneus narrowly pale; a white band along claval suture on clavus and adjacent part of mesocorium, this band is delimited by the dark claval vein and traversed by the blackish brown longitudinal white band; mesocorium with contrasting longitudinal white band; membrane with dense fuscous irroration, near apex of cuneus immaculate, dark stripe along inner margin, veins yellowish. Under surface yellow-brown, mesosternum embrowned. Legs pale yellowish brown, hind femora slightly darker; tibiae with small setigerous dark dots; 3rd tarsomeres embrowned.

Body long and narrow, 3.75 (♂) or 3.2 (♀) × as long as broad at base of pronotum. Hair covering long, semierect, pale. Head 0.68 (♂) or 0.75 (♀) ×