

**Biotope:** On *Ephedra alata* in desert habitats.

**Distribution:** Known from Egypt, new for Iran.

***Nasocoris desertorum* KERZHNER, 1970** (Figs 2 G, 6 D-E)

*Nasocoris desertorum* KERZHNER, 1970: 642-643.

*Nasocoris argyrotrichus*: LINNAVUORI, 1968: 202-203 (misidentification).

**Types:** Middle Asia: Ispas 70 km NW of Chardzhou, 4 paratypes, 31.V.1965, Kerzhner, in coll. Linnavuori.

**Material:** Iran: Fars, 14 km E of Sa'adatshahr, 6 exx, 6-7.VI.1996, Linnavuori. Turkmenistan: Turcom, 2 exx, J.Sahlberg, in coll. Linnavuori.

**Description:** Length 3.75-4.5 mm. Whitish. Eyes grayish brown. Antennae uniformly pale. Calli of pronotum surrounded by orange circle, disk with orangish tinge, anterior margin and faint median stripe whitish. Scutellum orangish. Hemelytra whitish, membranes with veins pale smoky. Under surface and femora pale yellow. Tibiae and tarsi whitish. Body elongate, 4.1-4.2 x as long as broad at base of pronotum. Vestiture as in the related species. Head nearly as broad as pronotum; ocular index 1.20-1.32 (♂), 1.70-1.75 (♀). Antennae long, proportions between segments 32:97:88:45 (♂), 35:102:90:45 (♀); 1st segment with long semierect white hairs, about 0.5-0.6 (♂♀) x as long as diatone, 2nd segment 1.4 (♂) or 1.65 (♀) x as long as basal width of pronotum, longer than 3rd. Pronotum about 1.7 x as broad as long in middle, lateral margins distinctly insinuated, rounded ventrad; basal margin in apicodorsal view weakly curved, with 4 small dark tubercles with erect short blackish setae. Male genitalia: Vesica gracile with numerous small teeth behind secondary gonopore.

**Biotope:** On *Ephedra strobilacea* in dry habitats.

**Distribution:** Known from Middle Asia. New for Iran.

***Nasocoris argyrotrichus* REUTER, 1879** (Figs 3 A, 6 C)

*Nasocoris brevicornis* (KIRITSHENKO) LINNAVUORI, 1968: 202 ( synonymized by KERZHNER 1970: 640).

**Material:** Mongolia: Sredne Gobi-skii aimak, Gory Delger-Khangai-Ula, 1 ex, 25.VII.1967, Kerzhner. Middle Asia: Vanch 12 km O of Potov Eap. Pamir, 3 exx, 5.VII.1965, Narchuk. Iran: Khorasan, many exx from Darreh Gaz, 15.VI.1994; Zaman Soofi 65 km W of Bojnurd, 12-13.VII.1994, Linnavuori, in coll. Linnavuori.