

♂: Head as broad as or slightly narrower than pronotum, in apical view about $1.07 \times$ as long as broad, in lateral view $1.87 \times$ as high as broad, ocular index 2.70–3.2. Proportions between antennal joints 7:28:19:15, 2nd joint 1.0 – $1.08 \times$ as long as diatone, 0.94 – $1.01 \times$ as long as basal width of pronotum. Pronotum basally strongly convex, globose, shagreened and finely punctate. Scutellum with subvertical spine. Hind tibia gracile, about $2.03 \times$ as long as basal width of pronotum. ♀: Head very large, about $1.6 \times$ as broad as pronotum, in apical view about $1.18 \times$ as high as broad, in lateral view $1.6 \times$ as broad, ocular index 4.53–5.90. Proportions between antennal joints 8:30:21:15, 2nd joint 0.82 – $0.85 \times$ as long as diatone, 1.30 – $1.43 \times$ as long as basal width of pronotum. Pronotum small, basal part only moderately convex, lateral margins insinuated. Scutellum as in ♂. Elytra scale-like, covering only base of abdomen. Abdomen strongly expanded, twice as long as broad, strongly constricted basally.

Male genitalia in Fig. 33a–f. Theca with claw-like process. Apical part of vesica slender, without membranous expansion.

Biology: In association with ants among vegetation in sandy habitats, also on *Acacia* and *Guiera senegalensis*.

Distribution: North Sudanese.

A. tithonos sp. n.

Figs. 31d–g, 32o–p, 33i–j

Material studied: Nigeria: Kw St., Shaganu - Rofia, male holotype, 1♀ paratype, 22.VII.1973, Shaganu Biological Station, 2♂ 1♀ paratypes, 20–22.VII.1973; N C St., Zaria, 1♀ paratype, 2–3.VIII.1973, Linnavuori. Upper Volta: Niangoloko, 1♀ paratype, 1 nymph, 26.X.1973, Linnavuori, in coll. Linnavuori.

Length ♂ 4.5 mm, ♀ 4.75–5.0 mm. ♂: Shiny. Reddish brown. Eyes grayish brown. Antennae as in *A. globicollis*. Basal two thirds of elytra opaque, reddish brown, costal margin pale, in large whitish yellow spot extending from costal margin to near claval commissure, this spot is bordered with black, corium in front of this figure pale yellow-brown, base of clavus with longitudinal infuscation; apical third of elytra shiny, dark brown, membrane brown. Abdomen and

legs as in the preceding species. ♀: Like *A. globicollis* but pale spot on elytra larger, \pm ovate, more yellowish.

Like *A. globicollis*. ♂: Head 0.94 – $1.0 \times$ as broad as pronotum, in apical view $1.08 \times$ as high as broad; ocular index 2.62–2.71. Proportions between antennal joints 15:74:50:38, 2nd joint 1.07 – $1.13 \times$ as long as diatone, 1.03 – $1.14 \times$ as long as basal width of pronotum. Hind tibia slender, about $2.07 \times$ as long as basal width of pronotum. ♀: Head 1.53 – $1.63 \times$ as broad as pronotum, in apical view $1.16 \times$ as high as broad; ocular index 4.0–4.45. Proportions between antennal joints 16:72:50:40, 2nd joint 0.90 – $1.01 \times$ as long as diatone, 1.40 – $1.64 \times$ as long as basal width of pronotum.

Male genitalia (Fig. 33i–j) as in the preceding species but apical part of vesica broader owing to membranous expansion.

Biology: On *Indigofera* sp. in sandy localities on the shore of the Kainji Lake in Nigeria.

Etymology: Greek mythology, Tithonos, spouse of Eos, the goddess of aurora.

A. bambeyi Risbec

Fig. 32h–k

Aspidacanthus bambeyi Risbec 1950:245–246.

The original description: Adulte: Tête élargie au niveau des yeux, roux foncé et pubescente, ainsi que le reste du corps. Yeux brun rouge foncé, en ovale allongé, un peu sinués ventralement, à nombreuses facettes. Antennes à 1^{er} et 3^e articles roux pale; 2^e et 4^e roux foncé. Trompe brune. Un point à allure d'ocelle au-dessus de chaque oeil.

Hémiélytres à corie très développée, bombée fortement au-dessus de la partie moyenne de l'abdomen; rétrécies vers la base. Dans la partie rétrécie, de chaque côté, on trouve une tache blanc crème entourée d'un beau noir velouté, avec une tache ochre en avant de la tache blanche; le reste noir mat. Membranes enfumées, noirâtres. Ailes blanchâtres.

Abdomen assez fortement pubescent ventralement.

Le 1^{er} segment thoracique est très étroit, formant une sorte de cou en arrière de la tête.