

prominent, convex, rest of disk uneven, distinctly or obsoletely punctate, transversely rugose. Scutellum large, mesoscutum broadly visible. Elytra subhyaline, clavus, corium and cuneus with dense setigerous dark puncturing, setae dark. Prosternal xyphus convex. Legs relatively short, hind tibia, for example, about 1.25-1.4 x as long as basal width of pronotum, and incrassate. Tibiae, hind tibiae especially, somewhat flattened, spines shorter than tibial diameter. Hind tarsus about 0.4 x as long as tibia, 3rd tarsomere distinctly longer than 2nd. Claws (Fig. 1f) gracile, pulvilli short, parempodia short, spine-like.

Male genitalia: Pygofer narrowly conical. Right style very small, with short apical tooth. Left style with short, triangular hypophysis, sensory lobe with plug-like process. Theca claw-like. Vesica gracile, arcuate, apex scoop-like, with claw-like terminal process and coarsely dentate subapical ridge; gonopore elongate, subapical.

Biology. – On *Salsola* spp.

Distribution. – Turanian, a radiation into the Sabzevar area has also taken place leading to the evolution of the new species described below.

Discussion. – *Boopidocoris* is a distinctive genus, which is apparently related to *Leucopteryx* Reuter, *Solenoxyphus* Reuter and *Malthacosoma* Reuter. It is easily distinguished from the related genera by the color pattern, uneven, punctate pronotum with elevated calli, short and incrassate antennae and legs, and the keeled basal margin of the vertex.

Key to the species

1. Head and anterior part of pronotum with two round black spots. Tylus pale. Pronotum obsoletely punctate..... *nahidae*
- Head with a dark median band, dark markings on anterolateral part of pronotum also elongate. Tylus dark. Pronotum distinctly punctate..... 2
2. Pronotum with two distinct orange middle bands. Head (♂) 0.9 x as broad as basal width of pronotum; eyes large, ocular index 1.35. Pronotum 1.5 x as broad as long in middle..... *viticollis*
- Middle orange bands on pronotum faint or absent. Head (♂♀) 0.70-0.75 x as broad as basal width of pronotum; ocular index 1.42 (♂), 2.15 (♀). Pronotum about twice as broad as long in middle..... *salsolae*

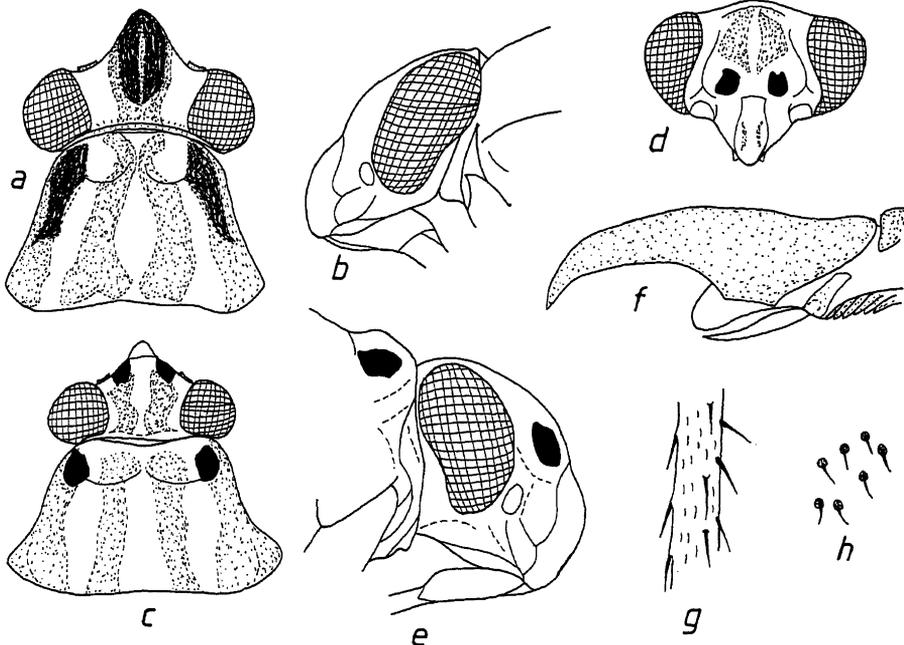


Fig. 1. *Boopidocoris vitticollis* Reuter (♂ holotype): (a) head and pronotum from above; (b) head in lateral view. *B. nahidae* sp. n.: (c) ♂ head and pronotum from above; (d) ♂ head in apical view; (e) ♀ head in lateral view; (f) claw; (g) spinulation of hind tibia; (h) chaetotaxy of elytron.