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THE AMERICAN GENERA OF ASILIDAE (DIPTERA): KEYS FOR IDENTIFICATION WITH AN ATLAS OF FEMALE SPERMATHECAE AND OTHER MORPHOLOGICAL DETAILS. VIII. SUBFAMILY LAPHYSTIINAE G. H. HARDY, WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF FIVE NEW GENERA AND SPECIES AND A CATALOGUE OF THE NEOTROPICAL SPECIES

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ABSTRACT

A key for the identification of the 17 American genera of Laphystiinae G. H. Hardy, with illustrations of spermathecae and other morphological details, is given. The following new genera and species are described: Chrysotriclis (type-species, C. willinkorum, sp. n.; type-locality: Argentina, Misiones, Loreto); Cochleariocera (type-species, C. neusae, sp. n.; type-locality: Brazil, Goiás, Rio Araguaia, Lago Rico); Cymbipyga (for Apoxyria cymbafer Artigas, 1983, from Chile); Gymnotriclis (type-species, G. coscaronorum, sp. n.; type-locality: Venezuela, Santa Ana, Tacarigua); and Protometer (with two species: P. evae, sp. n., the type-species, type-locality: Brazil, Amazonas, Paraná da Eva; and P. bokermanni, sp. n., type-locality: Brazil, Mato Grosso, São Domingos). Asicya Lynch Arribálzaga, 1880, is revalidated. A catalogue of the neotropical species is added.

Keywords: America, Asilidae, Chrysotriclis, Cochleariocera, Cymbipyga, Gymnotriclis, Protometer, Taxonomy, Neotropic, Catalogue.

Introduction

This is the part VIII of a serie of papers intended as a preliminary effort to define the American genera of Asilidae, describing the new genera, preparatory to the elaboration of a catalogue of Neotropical species for inclusion in the forthcoming World Catalogue of Flies, now being prepared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C.

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Part VII.7 (Stenopogoninae, Tribe Cyrtopogonini): Bol. Soc. Biol. Concepción 62: 55-81, 1992.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The material used in this series belongs mainly to the Museu de Zoologia da Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil (MZUSP) and to the Departamento de Zoología, Universidad de Concepción, Chile (UCCC).

The methodology employed in the dissection and preservation of the male terminalia, female spermathecae and other morphological parts is the same employed by Artigas (1971). All scales in the figures are in millimeters.

List of abbreviations:

AMNH - American Museum of Natural History, New York

BMNH - Bristish Museum (Natural History), London

CAS - California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco COR - Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

IML - Instituto Miguel Lillo, Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, S.M. de Tucumán

MACN - Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales,

Buenos Aires

MUN - Zoologischen Sammlungen des Bayerischen Staates, Munich

MZUSP - Museu de Zoologia, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo

UCCC - Colecciones Científicas, Universidad de Concepción

UK - University of Kansas, Lawrence

USNM - United States National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C.

WIEN - Naturhistorisches Museum, Zoologische Sammlungern, Vienna.

RESULTS

Subfamily Laphystiinae G.H. Hardy

Key to the American genera:

- 2(1). Abdomen with numerous lateral bristles on tergites 1 and 2; tergite 3 and sometimes 4-5 with 1 or 2 bristles. Wing with cell r5 closed, usually petiolate. Costa complete, or greatly reduced in width or absent beyond wing apex. Lower 55% to 70% of face gibbose and covered with slender bristles subequal in length to antennae, flat part with short hairs (Figs. 1-2). Ocellar tubercle with 2-4 bristles (Figs. 1-2). Antenna with 3 or 2 flagellomeres; scape

subequal to 1.5 times length of pedicel; first flagellomere 3/4 as long as scape and pedicel together, slightly to strongly swollen just beyond middle. Scutellum with 10-20 long marginal bristles (Fig. 33). Anatergite with about 20 long, slender bristles. Apical hind tarsomere with a weak spur on ventral surface. Male terminalia (cf. Fisher, 1977: figs. 33, 36, 37): hypandrium present, fused to basistyli, bilobed, the lobes divergent to contiguous; aedeagus with only one tube; epandrium longer than wide. Female spermathecae as in Figs. 51-52. All species sexually dimorphic, females have a wider face, longer wings and wider abdomen, generally more extensively tomentose dorsally; tibiae arcuate in males, straight in females. (Nearctic, extending to Baja California and northwesternmost Mexico)Zabrops Hull, 1957

3(2). Head exceptionally wide, 2 times its own height, and face wide (1/3 head width; Fig. 3). Face prominent, longest ventrally, of reduced height, strongly rounded (Fig. 4). Face, front and occiput with dense, fine pile. Abdomen broad, flattened, the margin densely fine pilose. Dense, rather woolly pilose flies (especially head, thorax and lateral margins of abdomen). Male terminalia (Figs. 53-56): hypandrium present, but reduced; epandrium very short basally, with two extremely long lateral prolongations; basistylus with stiff, long, apical bristles; aedeagus with a single tube. Spermathecae with a common duct (cf. Artigas, 1971: fig. 26). (Chile).....Hexameritia Speiser, 1920

6(5). Face below antennae 1/4 head width and divergent below (Fig. 9); in lateral view nearly plane with eye, except to lower 1/3 which, while relatively short, is gently rounded and gibbose, with a few bristles and hairs (Fig. 10). Scape about four times as long as the short, beadlike pedicel; flagellum slender, longer than combined length to scape and pedicel, second flagellomere quite short, third longer, wider, blunt, cup-shaped, with enclosed spine (Fig. 37). Abdominal tergites 1-6 with lateral bristles. Wing with Costa continuing all around wing and cells r1 and r₅ widely open. Male terminalia (Figs. 71-74) with epandrium longer than wide, bearing laterally long, thin, transparent, centrally convex, uneven, posteriorly rounded wing-like processes, leaving a deep recess which is notched; hypandrium present, short, semicircular; aedeagus with

only one tube. (Brazil (Mato Grosso) to
Argentina (Salta, Jujuy))
Laphygmolestes Hull, 1962

Face wide, at antennae subequal to one and one-fourth times width of an eye, evenly produced from oral margin to antennae, the gibbosity covered with pile, which is longest and densest at oral margin, where these usually are some slender bristles. Scape subequal to 1.5 times length of pedicel; first flagellomere subequal to one and one third times the combined length of scape and pedicel; third flagellomere much longer than the second, with an oblique excavation bearing a small spine. Dorsocentral bristles absent. Scutellum with marginal bristles or hairs, length and number of these variable. Wing with Costa extending only to apex of cell cup, absent beyond, or, rarely, ending at wing apex; cell r₁ narrowly closed to narrowly open; cell r₅ generally open, but closed and petiolate in several species. Tergites 1-6 with lateral bristles. Male terminalia (cf. Fisher, 1977: figs. 5, 8, 9): hypandrium absent; epandrium wider than long, aedeagus with a single tube. (Predominantly Holarctic, a few species in the Oriental and Afrotropical regions).....Laphystia Loew, 1847

- 8(7). Posterior dorsocentral bristles present.
 Abdomen only with tergites 1-3 with la-

teral bristles. Male terminalia with
hypandrium present and aedeagus with a
single tube (Figs. 75-78). Spermathecae
as in Figs. 79-80. (Chile)

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- - Pulvilli present. Ventral surface of apical hind tarsomere without spur, only 2-4 spines present. Cell r₁ closed. Male terminalia

- 13(9). Cell r₁ open. Ventral surface of apical hind tarsomere without spur and without small spines. Basistyli without an apical row of stiff bristles or short spines (Fig. 113).......14
 - Cell r₁ closed. Ventral surface of apical hind tarsomere with a definite spur, with or without small spines in addition to spur. Basistyli apically with a row of stiff bristles or short spines (Figs. 121, 130, 133)......15
- 14(13). Hind femur exceptionally stout and enlarged, bearing strong tuberculate spines

Mystax dense, occupying entire face (Figs.

Genus Apoxyria Schiner

Apoxyria Schiner, 1866: 674. Type-species, apicata Schiner (orig. des.).

americana Carrera, 1955: 109, figs. 3-6. Typelocality: Brazil, Goiás, Corumbá (Now Corumbá de Goiás, D.F.), Fazenda Monjolinho. HT: MZUSP.

apicata Schiner, 1866: 682. Type-locality: not stated (Brazil, São Paulo, Ipanema, in HT label). HT: WIEN.

Genus Asicya Lynch Arribálzaga

Asicya Lynch Arribálzaga, 1880: 224. Type-species, fasciata Lynch Arribálzaga (mon.).

fasciata Lynch Arribálzaga, 1880: 227. Type-locality: Argentina, Buenos Aires, Baradero. HT: MACN (in very poor condition).

Genus Chrysotriclis, gen. n.

Head, lateral view (Fig. 32). Eye of approximately same width above and below. Occiput not produced, with strong bristles on upper margin. Face gradually produced from base of antennae to oral margin. Mystax occupying entire face, composed of strong bristles below, which reach apex of proboscis, and abundant hairs in the rest of the face. Proboscis long, slightly dorsoventrally flattened, with blunt apex, without a dorsal keel. Palpus short, second segment cylindrical, with scattered, long, fine pile. Scape nearly cylindrical, with long and thick hairs on ventral and lateral surface; pedicel shorter than scape, with medium-sized hairs on dorsal and lateral surfaces, more abundant on ventral surface;

flagellum as long as two preceding antennal segments, narrow at base, broader on middle and gradually attenuated towards apex, the latter with an ovoid concavity bearing a very short, conical spine at its center.

Head, frontal view (Fig. 31). Face slightly narrower than width of an eye, and narrowing slightly towards oral margin. Frons divergent. Ocellar tubercle prominent, with scattered, long, bristle-like hairs.

Thorax. Mesonotum subquadrate. 3-4 notopleurals, 3 supraalars, 1-3 postcallars, one of them, at least, strong. Scutellar margin with fine long hairs and no bristles (Fig. 48). No bristles on mesonotal disc, except for those mentioned before. Pronotum with long, bristly hairs. Mesonotal vestiture dense, consisting of fine, more or less long, semierect hairs. Scutellar disc similar in vestiture to mesonotum. Pleura with scattered long, fine hairs, longer and denser on anepisternum; katatergite with a tuft of long, bristly hairs. Anatergite bare.

Wing. Costa complete. Cells r_1, r_5 and cup closed and petiolate.

Legs strong, fore and middle pairs with thick femora and strong tibiae, femora about 1/3 thicker than tibiae; hind pair larger than the preceding, femora 1/3 thicker than tibiae, tibiae arcuate. Claws curved. Pulvilli not reaching tip of claws. Empodium 4/5 length to pulvilli. All legs covered with fine hairs; bristles mostly located on tarsi, a few on the tibiae, none on the femora.

Abdomen as wide as thorax, covered with more or less long, fine, reclinate hairs; no bristles on abdominal tergites, except for a group of long bristles on sides of tergite 1.

Male terminalia a in Figs. 133-135.

Position of spermathecae in the female's abdomen as shown in Fig. 137; spermathecae as in Fig. 138.

Type-species, Chrysotriclis willinkorum, sp. n.

Chrysotriclis willinkorum, sp. n.

Body length: 9.5 mm; wing length: 8.2 mm. Male: Head black; frons and face with yellow-grey micropubescence, except for the ocelli, which are shining black. All hairs and bristles lightgolden. Scape and pedicel light-brown, apex of pedicel lighter; flagellum reddish-brown; antennal

hairs withish. Hairs and bristles on occiput lightgolden. Hairs of postocular area light-golden. Beard, hairs of proboscis and palpus also lightgolden.

Thorax. Disc of mesonotum light-brown in ground color, with three longitudinal black stripes: a central one, extending and tapering from anterior slope to near base of scutellum, longitudinally divided on its anterior half by a narrow stripe of greyish pruinosity; and two lateral stripes occupying more or less the posterior 2/3 of the disc, undivided at the transverse suture. The central and the lateral black stripes are more or less separated by greyish pollinosity, and more or less coalesce on the posterior part of the disc, depending on the angle of observation. Lateral margins of the disc and its posterior slope also covered with grey pollinosity. Postalar callus brownish-red. All hairs and bristles golden-yellow. Disc of scutellum black, margin broadly reddish-brown; hairs goldenyellow. Postnotum covered with whitish pruinosity, hairs golden-yellow. Pleura almost completely covered with greyish pruinosity, hairs dark yellow; hairs of propleura, anepisternum and katatergite yellowish. Coxae covered with identical pruinosity; hairs like those of pleura. Legs light yellowishbrown, apical tarsal segment black. On the basal third of the dorsal surface of the front tibia there exists a faint triangular spot, dark in color. Hairs of legs light-golden, bristles light reddish-brown. Claws black, reddish at base.

Wing brownish.

Abdomen with mottled reddish and black areas, vestiture light-yellow to light-golden, bristles on sides of tergite 1 yellowish. Male terminalia as in Figs. 134-136.

Female: Similar to the male, but mesonotum slightly more reddish in ground color; hairs of face and mystax of lighter hue. Position of spermathecae in the female's abdomen a in Fig. 131 and spermathecae as in Fig. 132.

Holotype male Argentina, Misiones: Loreto, ix.1955 (Dirings) (MZUSP). Paratypes: 1 female, Argentina, Formosa: Gran Guardia, i-ii.1953 (J. Foerster) (IML; spermathecae in preparate); 1 female, Paraguay, Itapuá: Vega, xii-1954 (Dirings) (MZUSP).

The beautiful golden species is dedicated to our dear friends Prof. and Mrs. Abraham Willink.

Genus Cochleariocera, gen. n.

Head, lateral view (fig. 19). Eyes large, wider on upper part, narrowing below. Occiput moderately prominent, with strong bristles on upper margin. Face rounded, slightly produced at oral margin. Mystax slender, as long as proboscis, with abundant bristles restricted to oral margin; decumbent fine hairs present from oral margin to base of antennae. Proboscis about as long as oral cup, slender, apex acute. Palpus long and slender. second segment constricted on basal 1/3, dilated in the middle and then slender again, almost cylindrical on apical 1/3. Antenna: scape cylindrical, apical perimeter produced, so the pedicel emerges from its interior; scape with a small, blunt, spiniform expansion on its dorsal margin and a strong bristle, surrounded by shorter bristles and fine hairs, on its ventral surface; pedicel conical, arising, as already said, from the interior of the scape, with fine hairs on the dorsal and ventral surfaces; flagellum long, spindle-shaped, nearly twice the length of two basal segments of antenna combined, apex characteristically flattened and spatulate with a shallow concavity bearing a minute spine; this spoon-shaped apex of the flagellum (after which the generic name was created) is a unique feature among the Laphystiinae.

Head, frontal view (Fig. 20). Face at level of antennae approximately 3/4 width of an eye, slightly narrower at oral margin, deeply tomentose. Frons divergent, tomentose (but not so heavily as face). Ocellar tubercle slightly prominent, covered with short, fine hairs, but without bristles.

Mesonotum with 2-3 notopleurals, 2 supraalars, 2 bristles on posterior callus, 3 posterior dorsocentrals. Scutellum devoid of bristles, only with sparse, fine hairs (Fig. 42). Mesonotal disc with appressed, short pile. Postpronotum with long, fine hairs only. Pleura with fine long hairs; katatergite with a tuft of long, fine hairs. Postnotum short, anatergite bare. Posterior surface of postalar calli flat and vertical.

Wing. Cell r_1 closed with a short petiole.

Legs slender, with long bristles, especially on tibiae. All legs covered by dense, fine pile, mainly on ventral surface of posterior femora of males. Pulvilli well-developed, as long as claws.

Abdomen almost as wide as thorax, tapering towards apex, with fine pilosity, longer on sides of

tergites. Tergites 1-6 sgenerally with 3-4 strong bristles on each side.

Male terminalia as shown in Figs. 100-102. Situation of spermathecae in the female's abdomen and spermathecal structure as in Figs. 104-105.

Type-species, Cochleariocera neusae, sp. n.

Cochleariocera neusae, sp. n.

Body length: 11 mm; wing length: 8 mm Male: Frons dull black in ground color, covered with more or less dense greyish-white micropubescence, except over ocelli, which are bright dark-brown. Face densely covered with shiny, silky-white micropilosity. Hairs on frons, face, mystax, beard, occiput, palpi, antennae and proboscis white. Palpi and proboscis shining black with white hairs. Occiput dark-brown, with white micropubescence only on lower half; upper half ochre, with strong yellowish-brown bristles. Scape and pedicel black, with white micropubescence; flagellum black at base, orange in remainder, apical concavity black.

Disc of mesonotum black, with appressed, golden-brown hairs, except for a roughly triangular area behind postpronotum which is deep black, with a central dot of brownish-gold tomentum. There exist some more or less distint stripes on the mesonotal disc, as follows: a longitudinal middle stripe, narrow, of light-brown tomentum, which extends from the anterior margin to slightly beyond level of transverse suture; then, at each side of the latter, a black stripe (due to absence of tomentum), from the anterior margin to the posterior dorsocentrals; a narrow reddish-golden stripe over the transverse suture. Lateral margins of mesonotal disc with grey pruinosity. All bristles orange-red. Posterior slope of mesonotum flattened, formed a notorious declivity, more or less devoid of pollen. Pleura grey-tomentose, with more or less defined black areas, especially on lower surface of anepisternum. Hairs on pleura long and yellowishwhite. Scutellum shining-black, with thick golden pile on margin and long, yellowish-white hairs on disc. Postnotum with silvery-grey tomentum.

Wing slightly tinged with yellow. Sc and R entirely, and remaining veins only at base, reddish-

yellow, brownish at remainder. Squamae and halteres yellow.

Legs. Coxae black, covered by dense, dull, greyish micropubescence. Femora black, orange yellow on apical border, with fine white hairs. Front and middle tibiae with a small orange area at base, the rest black; posterior tibia with the basal 4/5, mainly at external surface, orange. apex black. Tarsi black. Claws black, dark-brown at base. Pulvilli reddish-yellow.

Abdomen black, posterior margin of tergites with a broad band of grey pruinosity: hairs and bristles white; where pruinosity is missing on posterior border of tergites, a reddish narrow band can be seen, especially on segment 6. Venter black, with sparse grey micropubescence and white hairs.

Male terminalia black (Figs. 101-102); aedeagus as in Fig. 103.

Female: More orange in color than male. Micropubescence and tomentum, mystax and legs golden-orange, in occiput, frons and face mostly golden. Thorax darker, pleura golden or goldenbrown. Legs entirely orange, hairs and bristles concolorous; coxae black with golden pruinosity. Abdomen more orange, bands of pruinosity broader, sometimes covering most of the surface of tergites.

Holotype male, Brazil, Goiás: Lago Rico, Rio Araguaia, ix. 1952 (F. Lane) (MZUSP). Paratypes: 7 males and 6 females, same data as holotype, plus 1 female, Brazil, Goiás: Corumbá, Fazenda Monjolinho (now Corumbá de Goiás, D. F.). Paratypes in MZUSP, except for 3 speciments from Rio Araguaia, in the MZUC.

This species is dedicated to Mrs. Neusa F. A. da Costa.

Genus Cymbipyga, gen. n.

Small, relatively bare flies.

Head, lateral view (cf. Artigas, 1983: fig. 4). Eyes large, wider on upper part, attenuated below. Occiput strongly sunken, with strong bristles on upper margin. Face roundly produced on basal half. Mystax composed of strong erect bristles scattered all over facial gibbosity. Laterofrontal bristles equidistant, in the number of 5, about half the length

of the upper bristles of mystax. Ocellar tubercle small, rounded, with vertical borders. Proboscis short, cylindrical, with a dorsal keel, the tip blunt, slightly surpassing facial gibbosity. Palpus with cylindrical second segment, reaching half length of proboscis. Scape strongly attenuated at tip, with I long and strong bristles and short bristle-like hairs on ventral surface and 3 stout bristles dorsally; pedicel shorter and thicker than scape, almost subcylindrical, with short and strong bristles on dorsal and ventral surfaces; flagellum fusiform, as long as the preceding two antennal segments, with an apical concavity with a short central spine.

Head, frontal view (cf. Artigas, 1983: fig. 3). Frons divergent, wider than face, with curved borders, covered with pruinosity. No hairs or bristles on ocellar tubercle. Face narrow, covered by short, dense micropubescence, a few long hairs between antennae and mystax. Postocular area, proboscis and palpi with dense hairs of similar length.

Thorax. Mesonotum subquadrate. I notopleural, I supraalar, I bristle on posterior callus, 5 weak and short dorsocentrals. Mesonotal disc covered by short, appressed, fine hair. Pronotum shining, with fine bristles. Central part of scutellar disc with pruinosity, the rest shining; 4 strong, long, erect, equidistant bristles on scutellar margin. Pleura shining, covered by short micropubescence in well-defined areas: a few hairs, mainly on the anepisternum and katatergite. Anatergite bare.

Wing hyaline, cell r5 open.

Legs long and slender, posterior femora longer, all tibiae straight. Claws gently curved. Empodium and pulvilli of equal length, not reaching claws'tip. Vestiture of legs with fine, short, scattered, appressed hairs; bristles mainly on tibiae and tarsi.

Abdomen of same width of thorax, with short, scattered and appressed fine hair; 4 bristles on sides of tergite 1, 2 of them longer and blade-like.

Male terminalia as shown in Figs. 75-78.

Female similar to the male, with a crown of equidistant, strong and long bristles on tergite 9. Situation of the spermathecae in the female's abdomen and spermathecal structure as shown in Figs. 79 and 80.

Type-species, *Apoxyria cymbafera* Artigas, 1983.

Cymbipyga cymbafera (Artigas, 1983), comb. n.

Apoxyria cymbafera Artigas, 1983: 27-33. Typelocality: Chile, Santiago, Colina, El Portezuelo. HT: UCCC.

Genus Gymnotriclis, gen. n.

Medium-sized, relatively bare flies.

Head, lateral view (Fig. 30). Eyes large. Occiput concave, with strong bristles on upper margin. Postocular area with strong and long bristles. Face evenly rounded, almost flat, slightly produced at oral margin. Mystax composed of strong bristles and hairs, restricted to oral border. Fine, scattered hairs from oral border to base of antennae. Proboscis long, acute, extending well beyond oral border, more or less flattened dorsoventrally, triangular in section, tip strongly depressed. Palpi short, cylindrical, attenuated at both ends, with strong bristles, longer on ventral side. Scape subcylindrical, with strong bristles. Pedicel conical towards the base, apex rounded, as long as scape, with a few bristles on dorsal and ventral surfaces. Flagellum spindle-shaped, slightly longer than scape and pedicel together, its second segment diminute, with a minute spine.

Head, frontal view (Fig. 29). Face 2/3 on an eye's width, borders subparallel. Frons almost of same width as face, borders approximately parallel. Strong fronto-orbital bristles. Ocellar tubercle subconical, ocellar bristles present.

Thorax. Pronotum with strong, long bristles. Mesonotum subquadrate, vestiture consisting of short, appressed, bristly hairs, 2 notopleurals, 4 supraalars, 2 postcallars. Scutellum with abundant spinules on disc, and no marginal scutellar bristles (Fig. 47). Anatergite bare. A tuft of strong bristles on katatergite.

Wing. Cell r_1 closed, with a short petiole. Cell r_5 closed and petiolate.

Legs long and slender, femora more or less thickened, with very fine, short hairs; bristles short and feeble. Claws curved. Pulvilli shorter than claw. Empodium shorter than pulvilli.

Abdomen as wide as mesonotum, covered by fine, short hairs similar to those on posterior femora; bristles only on sides of tergite 1.

Male terminalia as in Figs. 127-130, with a row of short spines on posterior border of gonopods.

Female similar to male. Situation of the spermathecae in the female's abdomen and spermathecal structure as in Figs. 131 and 132.

 $\label{thm:coscaron} \mbox{Type-species}, \mbox{$Gymnotriclis coscaronorum}, \\ \mbox{sp. n.}$

Gymnotriclis coscaronorum, sp. n.

Body length: 13,5 mm; wing length: 9,5 mm. Male: Frons shining black, frontoorbital bristles black. Ocellar tubercle black, ocelli reddish-brown, ocellar bristles short and black. Face covered by golden pruinosity, except on center, where there is a large, conspicuous triangular area, devoid of pruinosity and shining black. Bristles of mystax golden-yellow. Scape shining dark-brown, bristles black. Pedicel dull-brown, bristles black. First flagellomere dull reddish-brown, darker on apical half. Proboscis shining black, hairs at base white, yellow at apex. Hairs of lower part of postocular area white. Palpi reddish-brown, first segment with white hairs; bristles of second segment black.

Thorax. Pronotum shining black, with white bristles. Mesonotum black, vestiture composed of short, decumbent, black hairs; lateral margins, behind postpronotum, the mesonotal disc is covered by dull silvery pruinosity and bears a few yellow hairs. Notopleurals, supraalars and postcallars black. Pleura, except for small, well-defined areas, covered by dull silvery pruinosity; very fine and long white hairs spread all over the pleura; bristles on katatergite white.

Legs. Coxal vestiture as in anepisternum. Femora, tibiae and tarsi dark brown, upper superface of femora darker. A few short, black bristles near apex of dorsal surface of femora. Remainder of legs' bristles short and black. Claws black. Pulvilli whitish. Empodium light-brown.

Wing brownish, with brown veins.

Abdomen shining black, with triangular spots of dull silvery pruinosity on sides of tergites and with a line of similar pruinosity on posterior margin of tergites 4 and following. Vestiture of

tergites consisting of short, fine, whitish-yellow hairs. Bristles at sides of tergite 1 whitish.

Male terminalia as in Figs. 127-130.

Female: Similar to male, but legs more reddish, mainly the tibiae.

Position of the spermathecae in the female's abdomen and spermathecal structure as in Figs. 131 and 132.

Holotype male, N.E. Venezuela: Sta. Ana, Tacarigua, i.i.1950 (no collector) (MZUSP). Paratypes: Venezuela, Carabobo: Mariara, 20.vii.1948 (no collector), 1 male, 2 females; N.E. Venezuela, Salamanca, 29.viii.1953 (no collector), 1 female; do., 29.xii.1956 (no collector), 1 female; do., 19.viii.1956 (no collector), 1 male; PANAMA, Canal Zone: Madden Forest Preservem. 8.ix.1958 (W.J. Hanson), 1 female (all in MZUSP, except for 1 male from Venezuela, Mariara, and 1 female from Venezuela, Salamanca, in UCCC).

This species is dedicated to our good friends Prof. and Mrs. Sixto Coscarón.

Genus Helolaphyctis Hermann

Helolaphyctis Hermann, 1920: 193. Type-species, *modesta* (orig. des.).

chrysorhea Hull, 1958a: 97. Type-locality: Brazil, Santa Catarina, Nova Teutonia. HT: BMNH. modesta Hermann. Nomen nudum.

nitida Hull, 1958b: 162. Type-locality: Brazil, Santa Catarina, Nova Teutonia. HT: BMNH.

Genus Hexameritia Speiser

Eutrichodes Hermann, 1920: 190 (preocc. Warren, 1891). Type-species, Dasypogon micans Philippi (orig. des.).

Hexameritia Speiser, 1920: 447 (nom. nov. for Eutrichodes Hermann). Type-species. Dasypogon micans Philippi (aut.).

micans (Philippi), 1865: 690, fig. (*Dasypogon*). Type-locality: Chile, Santiago. HT lost. NT: UCCC.

splendens Philippi, 1865: 690 (Dasypogon).

Type-locality: Chille, Illapel. HT lost. tricolor Schiner, 1868: 162 (*Triclis*). Type-locality: Chile. HT: WIEN.

Genus Laphygmolestes Hull

Laphygmolestes Hull, 1962: 76. Type-species, flavipes Hull (orig. des.).

flavipes Hull, 1962: 78. Type-locality: Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul, Corumbá. HT: COR.

Genus Laphystia Loew

Laphystia Loew, 1847: 538. Type-species, sabulicola Loew (mon.).

Laphyctis Loew, 1858: 338. Type-species, Stichopogon gigantellus Loew (mon.).

opaca Coquillet, 1904: 180. Type-locality: USA, Texas. HT: USNM.

apaca Hermann, 1908: 158, misspell. sonora Wilcox, 1960: 343, fig. 1. Type-locality: Mexico, Sonora, La Cholla. HT: Martin Coll.

Genus Macahyba Carrera

Macahyba Carrera, 1947: 203. Type-species, nordestina Carrera (orig. des.).

nordestina Carrera, 1947: 205, figs. 1-8. Typelocality: Brazil, Ceará, Icó. HT: MZUSP. *?schnusei** (Hermann), 1908: 159, figs. 5-6, pl. 4. fig. 2 (Laphystia). Type-locality: Peru, Ucayali R., 300 m. HT: MUN. *N. comb.**

Genus Martinia Hull

Martinia Hull, 1962: 91. Type-species, moloch Hull (orig. des.).

moloch Hull, 1962: 92. Type-locality: Bolivia, Camamina. HT: USNM.

scalaris (Hermann), 1908: 157, fig. 4 (*Laphystia*).

Type-locality: Peru, mouth of Pachitea R.,
150 m. ST: MUN.

Genus Perasis Hermann

Perasis Hermann, 1905: 37. Type-species, sareptana Hermann (mon.).

argentifacies (Williston), 1901: 310 (*Triclis*). Type locality: Mexico, Guerrero, Chilpancinho. HT: BMNH.

Genus Protometer, gen. n.

Head, lateral view (Fig. 22). Eyes large, wider on upper part, attenuated below. Occiput not prominent, with strong bristles on upper border. Mystax composed of fine bristles restricted to oral margin. Face flat, not produced on oral margin, with a few hairs scattered all over its surface. Proboscis short, surpassing oral margin, cylindrical, slightly narrowed on middle, apex blunt. Palpi long and slender, attenuated near apex, with fine bristles. Scape gently distented ventrally, with a bristle ventrally placed, almost as long as pedicel, and showing fine, bristly hairs; pedicel with short bristles on dorsal surface as well as ventrally; first flagellomere nearly spindle-shaped, covered by dense velvety micropubescence; second flagellomere short with a minute apical spine.

Head, frontal view (Fig. 21). Face narrower than an eye's width, gently widening at oral margin, covered by dense micropubescence and fine, scattered, long hairs. Frons divergent, covered by dull grey pruinosity and hairs similar to those of face. Frontoorbital bristles weak, similar to the hairs. Ocellar tubercle with bristles.

Thorax. Pronotum covered with pruinosity and long, bristle-like hairs. Mesonotum subquadrate, slightly globose. 1-2 notopleurals, 1-3 supraalars, 1-2 bristles on posterior callus. Mesonotal vestiture consisting of short, fine, decumbent hairs. Scutellum as the mesonotum, no marginal scutellar bristles present. Pleura covered by micropubescence and fine long hairs; a tuft of long, bristly hairs on katatergite.

Wing. Cell r_1 closed, with a short petiole. Cell r_5 open.

Legs long. Femora with long hairs. Tibiae and tarsi with appressed short hairs. Claws gently curved, pulvilli not reaching apex of claws. Empodium slightly longer than pulvilli.

Abdomen as wide as mesonotum, covered by fine, short hairs. There are bristles at the sides of the first six tergites.

Male terminalia as shown in Fig. 110.

Location of spermathecae in the female's abdomen and spermathecal structure as in Figs. 111-112.

Type-species, Protometer evae, sp.n.

Protometer evae, sp.n.

Body length, 9 mm; wing length, 5 mm.

Male: Head black, with dull silvery pruinosity unevenly distributed over frons, ocellar tubercle and occiput. Face with dull silvery micropubescence, except on central area, which is black. Postocular area with dense silvery micropubescence. All hairs and bristles on head white. Antennae black; scape with silvery micropubescence, bristles and hairs white; pedicel with whitish pruinosity, bristles black; flagellum

white-pruinose, dark golden in parts.

Thorax. Pronotum uniformly covered with silvery pruinosity; hairs white. Mesonotum black, partially covered by grey pruinosity forming well-defined areas of black, grey and white: a double grey stripe goes from the anterior margin to the posterior one; besides these there are two grey areas divided by the transverse suture; area behind postpronotum black. Sides of mesonotum, from postpronotum to posterior calli grey and black areas surrounded by a white border of pruinosity. Pleura uniformly covered by shining silvery pruinosity; hairs and bristle-like hairs white.

Legs black, with white, fine, appressed hairs, similar on femora, tibiae and tarsi; all bristles white. Claws black. Empodium and pulvilli white. The short ventral bristles of the tarsi black, bristles on apex of last tarsal segment also black.

Wing hyaline with reddish-brown veins.

Abdomen. Tergite I almost entirely covered by silvery-yellow pruinosity; remaining tergites with lateral margins and posterior border greyish pruinose, with short yellow hairs; remaining area of the tergites appearing black, with short black hairs. Bristles at sides of tergites white.

Terminalia black, with abundant silvery pruinosity and white hairs over distal half of epandrium and gonopods, in a striking contrast. Terminalia as in Figs. 106-109.

Holotype male, Brazil, Amazonas: Paraná da Eva, 8.xi.1969 (N. Papavero). Paratypes: 2 females (one with abdomen in microvial; head of the other missing), same data as holotype (MZUSP).

Protometer bokermanni, sp.n.

Body length: 12 mm; wing length: 8 mm. Male: Face, frons, ocellar tubercle, occiput and postocular area black, covered by silvery pruinosity. The face has, in addition, shining silvery micropubescence. Head bristles and hairs white.

Thorax. Pronotum black, with silvery pruinosity, bristles white. Mesonotum black, with grey pruinosity, less dense in some areas: there is a double central stripe and two rounded areas on sides, divided by the transverse suture. Sides of mesonotum between transverse suture and postalar calli lighter. Vestiture of disc, hairs and bristles white. Scutellar disc dark, margin light, all hairs white. Pleura with silvery pruinosity and white hairs.

Wing hyaline, veins brown. Sc, base of R_1 and base of all other veins lighter.

Legs. Femora and tarsi black, tibiae yellowish-brown; hairs on femora long and white, on tibiae and tarsi denser, shining silvery, bristles white. Claws black, reddish at base. Pulvilli and empodium whitish.

Abdomen. Tergites anteriorly black, posteriorly with dense, dark-golden micropubescence; bristles at sides of tergites white. Male terminalia as in Fig. 110.

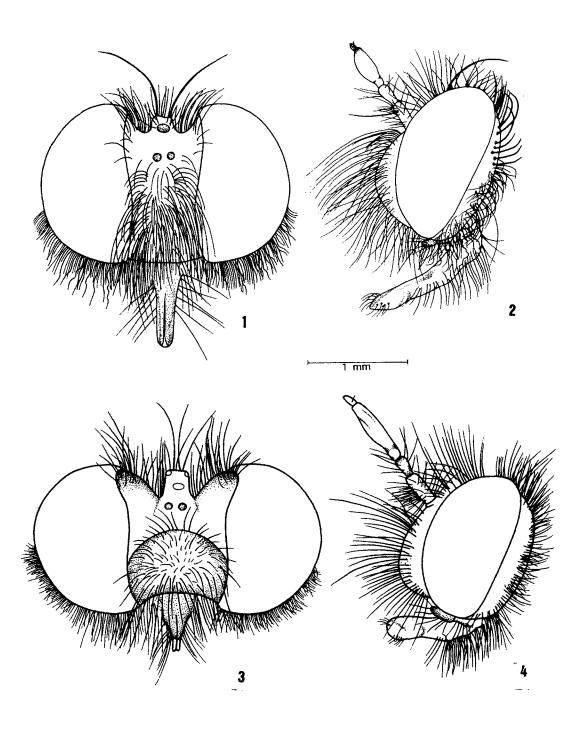
Female: Similar to male, but generally with pruinosity, micropubescence, and hairs more golden.

Holotype male, Brazil, Mato Grosso: São Domingos, xi.1940 (W. Bokermann) (MZUSP); Paratypes: 1 male and 2 females, same data as holotype (MZUSP, UCCC).

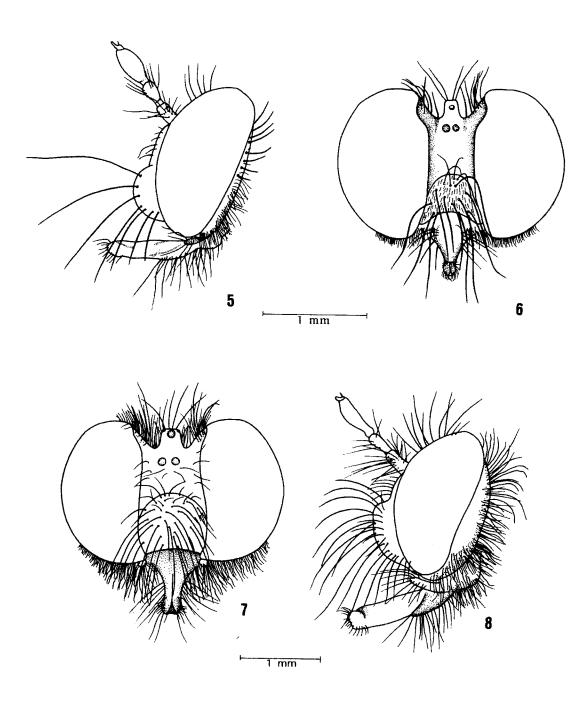
Genus Psilocurus Loew

Psilocurus Loew, 1874: 373. Type-species, nudiusculus Loew (mon.).

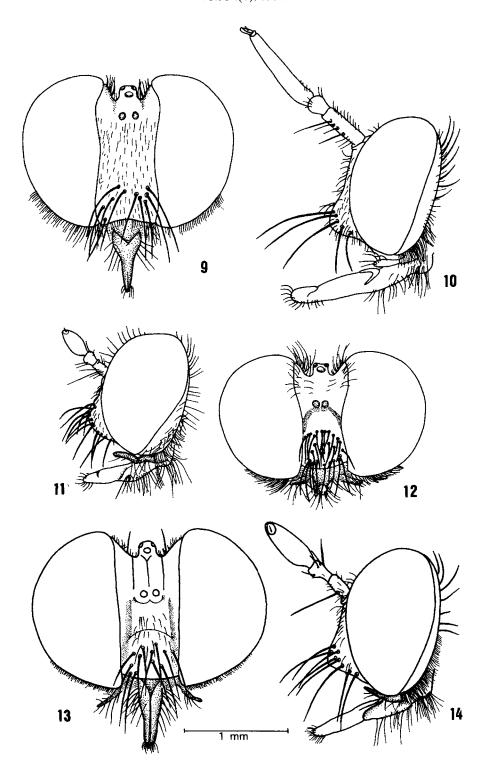
Orthoneuromyia Williston, 1893: 67. Type-species, modesta Williston (mon.).



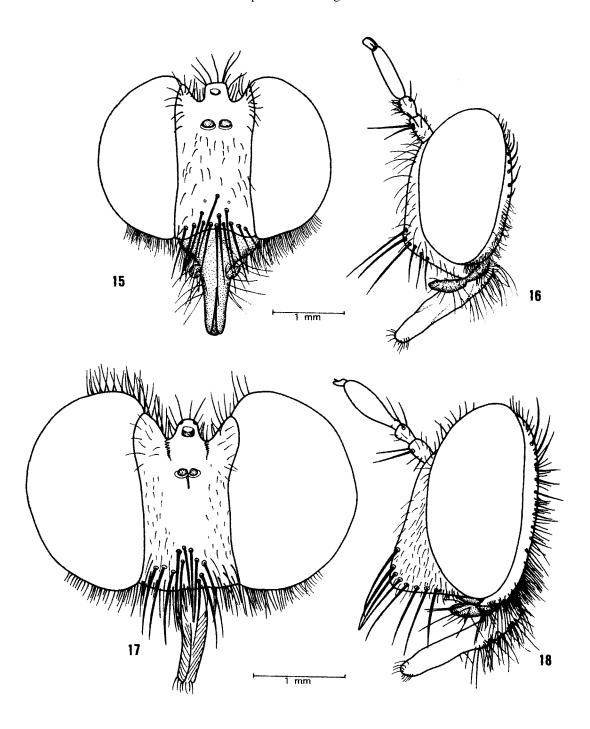
Figs. 1-4. Head, frontal (1, 3) and lateral (2, 4) views. 1-2, Zabrops tagax (Williston); 3-4, Hexameritia micans (Philippi).



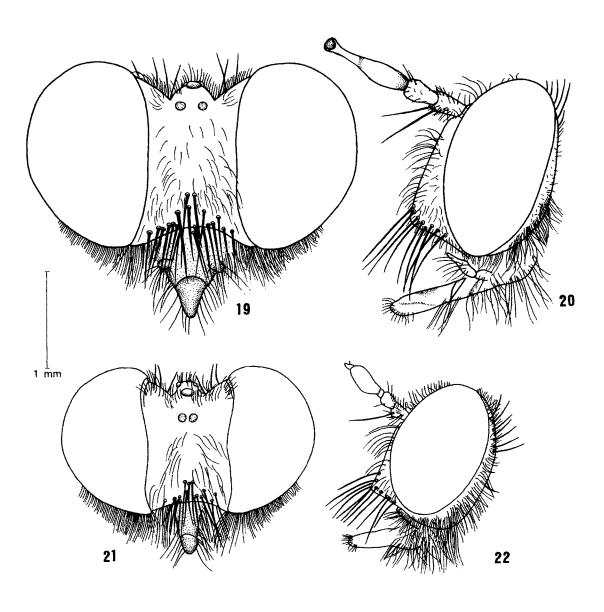
Figs. 5-8. Head, frontal (6, 7) and lateral (5, 8) views. 5-6, Helolaphyctis sp.; 7-8, Apoxyria americana Carrera.



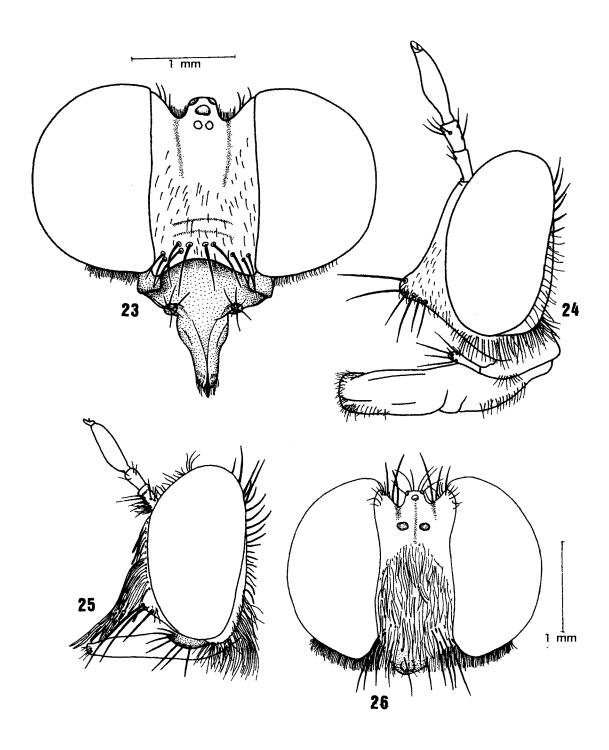
Figs. 9-14. Head, frontal (9, 12, 13) and lateral (10, 11, 14) views. 9-10, Laphygmolestes flavipes Hull; 11-12, Cymbipyga cymbafera (Artigas); 13-14, Psilocurus sp.



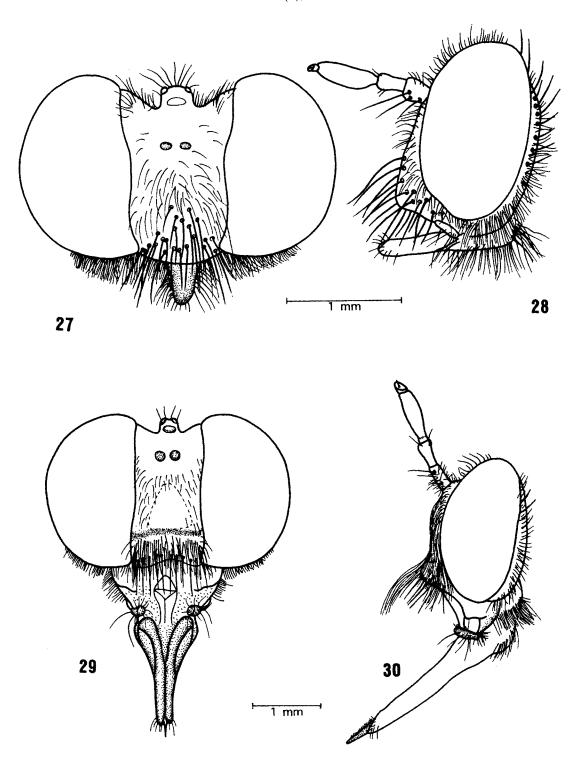
Figs. 15-18. Head, frontal (15, 17) and lateral (16, 18) views. 15-16, Macahyba nordestina Carrera; 17-18, Martinia sp.



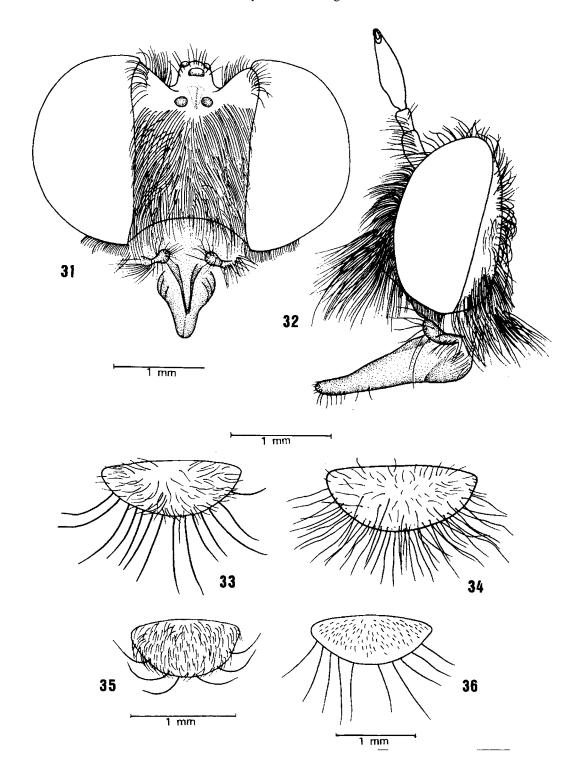
Figs. 19-22. Head, frontal (19, 21) and lateral (20, 22) views. 19-20, Cochleariocera neusae, gen. n., sp. n.; 21-22, Protometer evae, gen. n., sp. n.



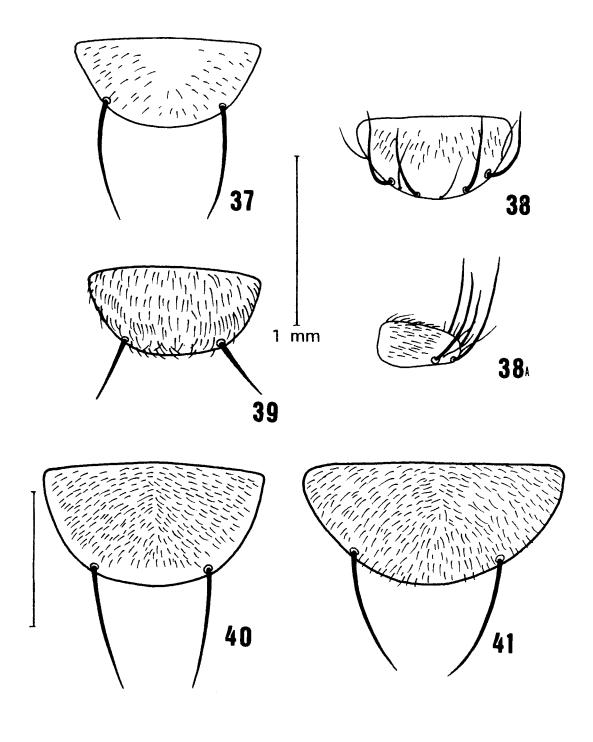
Figs. 23-26. Head, frontal (23, 26) and lateral (24, 25) views. 23-24, Triclioscelis femorata Roeder; 25-26, Perasis sp.



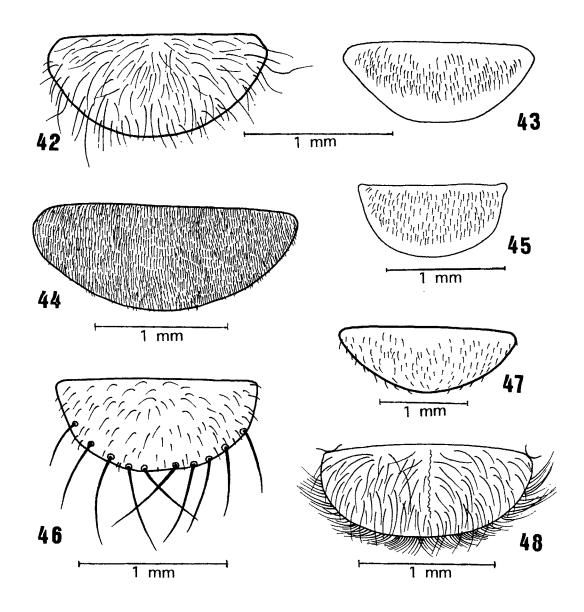
Figs. 27-30. Head, frontal (27, 29) and lateral (28, 30) views. 27-28, Asicya sp.; 29-30, Gymnotriclis coscaronorum, gen. n., sp. n.



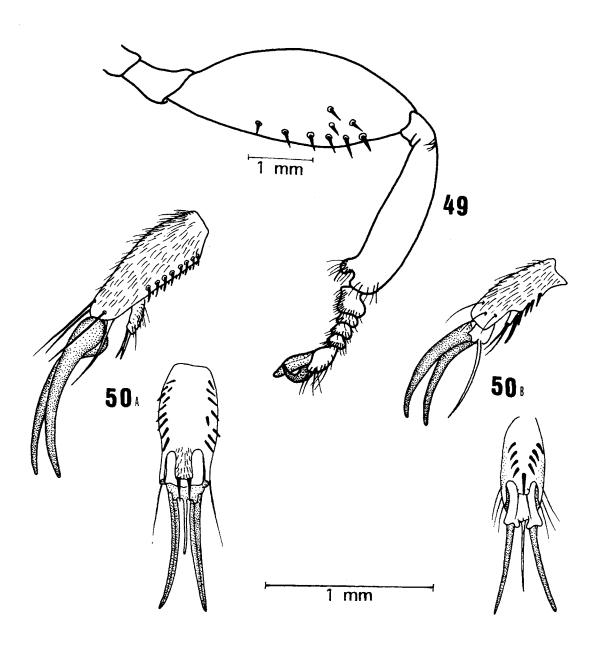
Figs. 31-36. Head, in frontal and lateral views (31-32), *Chrysotriclis willinkorum*, gen. n., sp. n.; scutellum, dorsal view (33, 34, 35, 36). 33, *Zabrops tagax* (Williston); 34, *Hexameritia micans* (Philippi); 35, *Helolaphyctis* sp.; 36, *Apoxyria americana* Carrera [all scales = 1 mm].



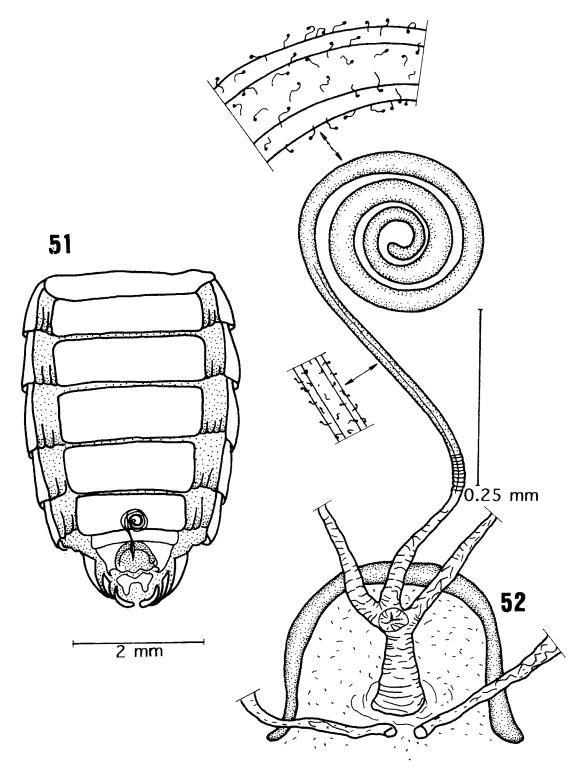
Figs. 37-41. Scutellum, dorsal (37, 38, 39, 40, 41) and lateral (38A) views. 37, Laphygmolestes flavipes Hull; 38-38A, Cymbipyga cymbafera (Artigas); 39, Psilocurus sp.; 40, Macahyba nordestina Carrera; 41, Martinia sp.



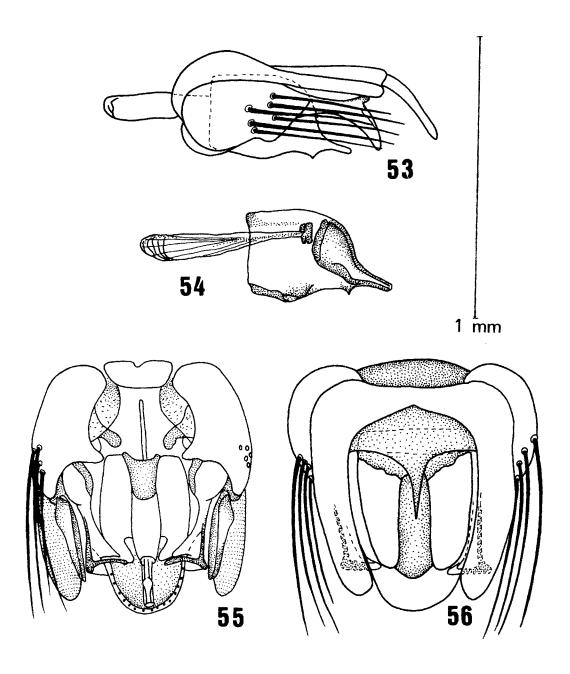
Figs. 42-48. Scutellum, dorsal view: 42, Cochleariocera neusae, gen. n., sp. n.; 43, Protometer evae, gen. n., sp. n.; 44, Triclioscelis femorata Roeder; 45, Perasis sp.; 46, Asicya sp.; 47, Gymnotriclis coscaronorum, gen. n., sp. n.; 48, Chrysotriclis willinkorum, gen. n., sp. n.



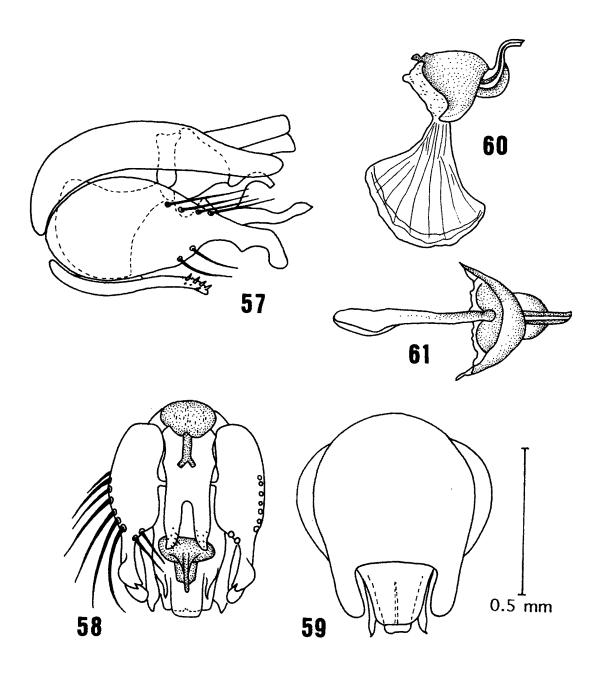
Figs. 49-50B. 49, *Triclioscelis femorata* Roeder, hind leg; fig. 50A, apical hind tarsomere of *Macahyba nordestina* Carrera, lateral and ventral views; Fig. 50B, apical hind tarsomere of *Asicya* sp., lateral and ventral views.



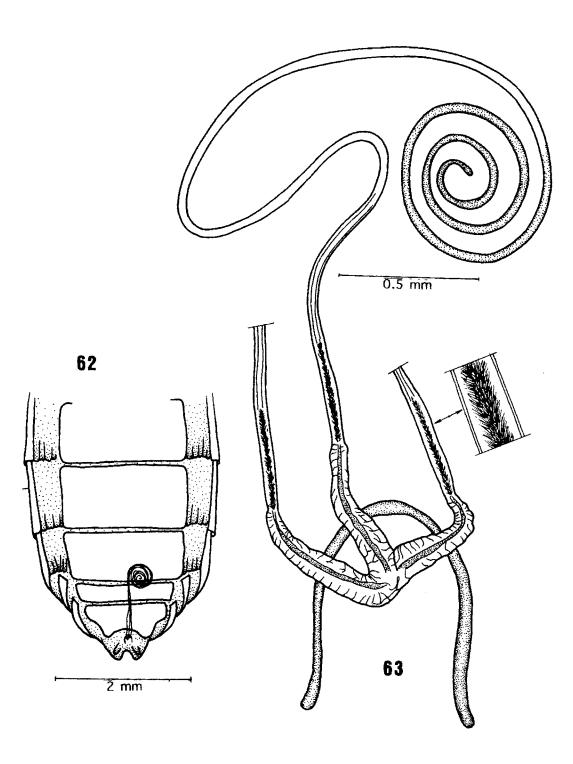
Figs. 51-52. Zabrops tagax (Williston), situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (51) and spermathecae (52).



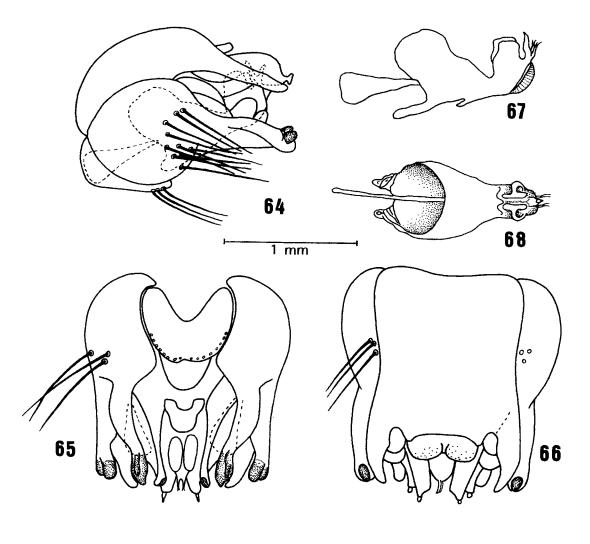
Figs. 53-56. *Hexameritia micans* (Philippi), male terminalia in lateral (53), ventral (55) and dorsal (56) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (54).



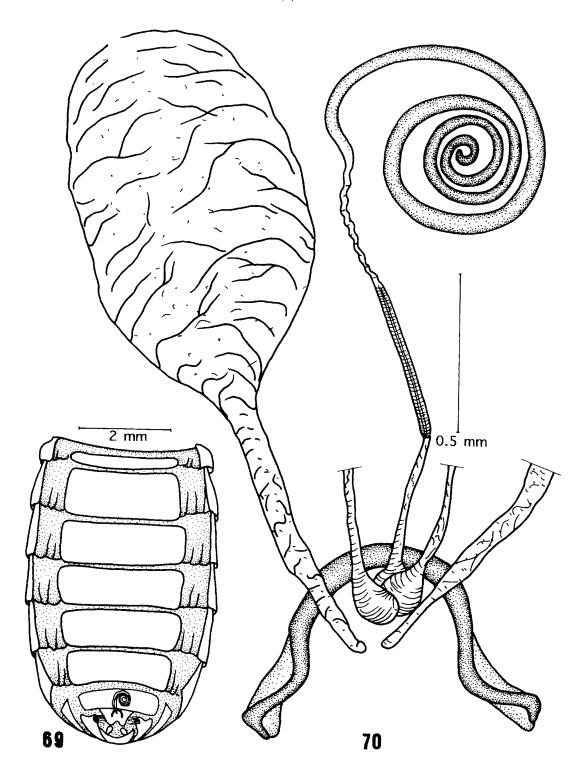
Figs. 57-61. *Helolaphyctis* sp., male terminalia in lateral (57), ventral (58) and dorsal (59) views, and aedeagus in lateral (60) and dorsal (61) views.



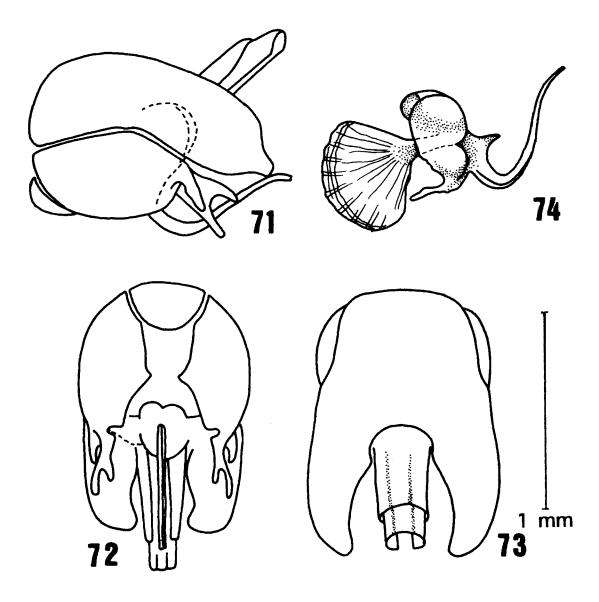
Figs. 62-63. Helolaphyctis sp., situation of spermathecae in the abdomen (62) and spermathecae (63).



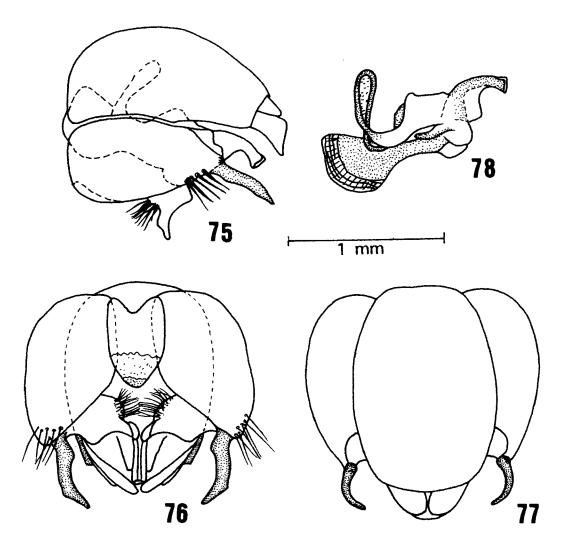
Figs. 64-68. Apoxyria americana Carrera, male terminalia in lateral (64), ventral (65) and dorsal (66) views, and aedeagus in lateral (67) and dorsal (68) views.



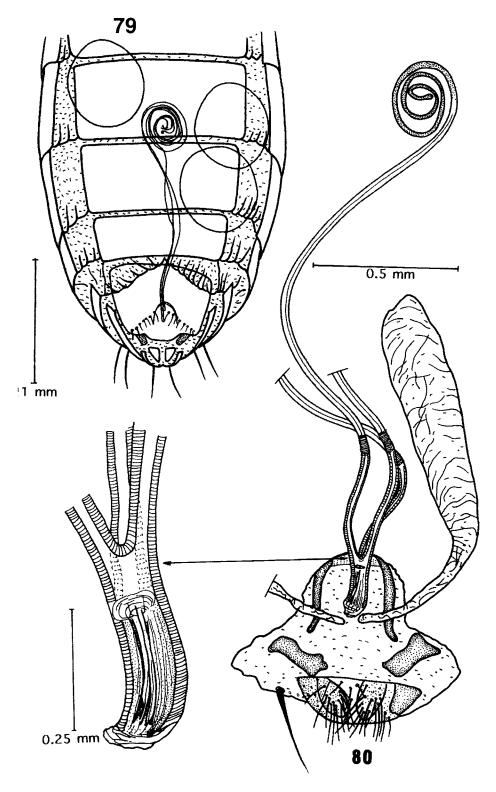
Figs. 69-70. Apoxyria americana Carrera, situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (69) and spermathecae (70).



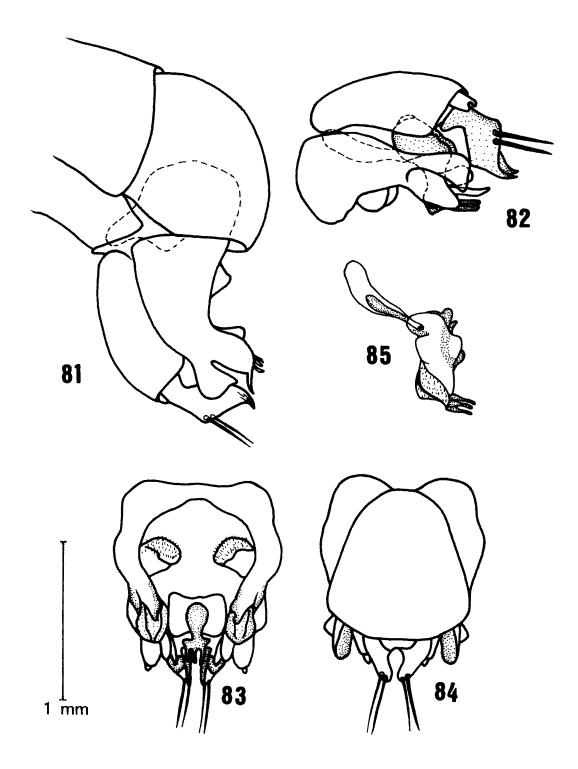
Figs. 71-74. *Laphygmolestes flavipes* Hull, male terminalia in lateral (71), ventral (72) and dorsal (73) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (74).



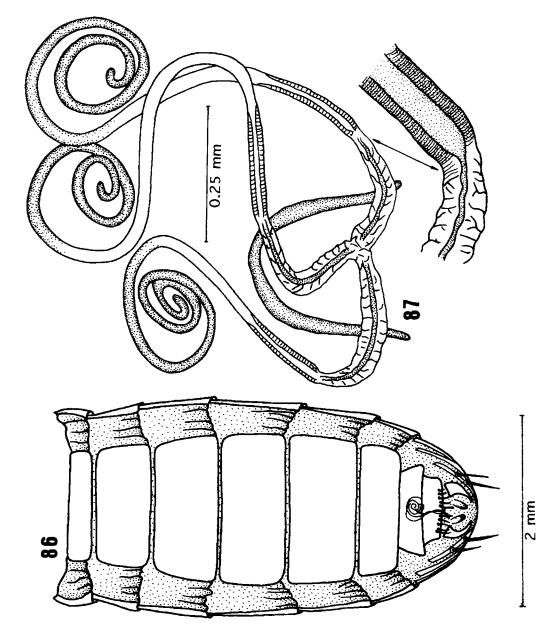
Figs. 75-78. Cymbipyga cymbafera (Artigas), male terminalia in lateral (75), ventral (76) and dorsal (77) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (78).



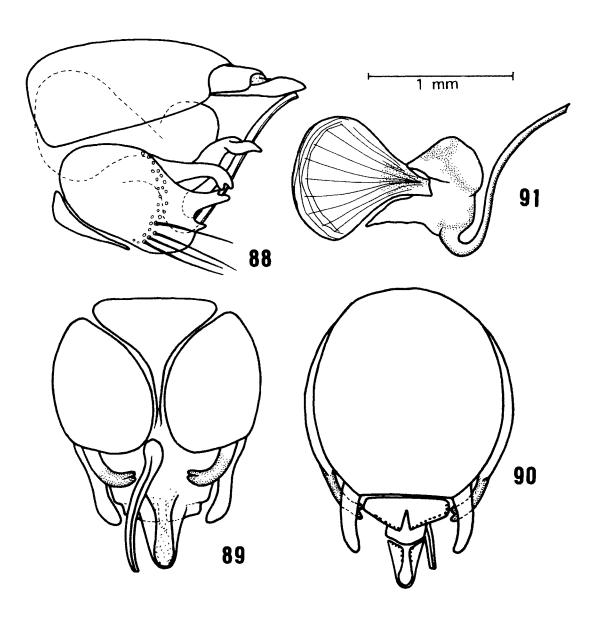
Figs. 79-80. Cymbipyga cymbafera (Artigas), situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (79) and spermathecae (80).



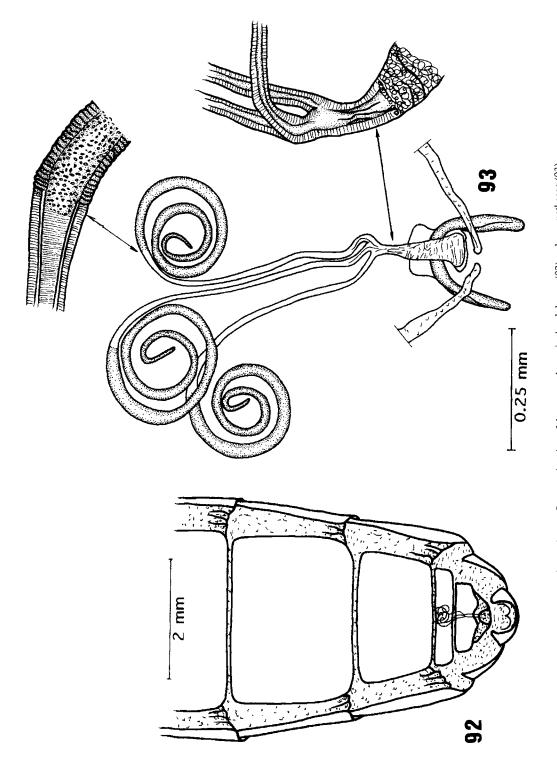
Figs. 81-85. *Psilocurus* sp., male terminalia 'in loco' (81), and in lateral (82), ventral (83) and dorsal (84) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (85).



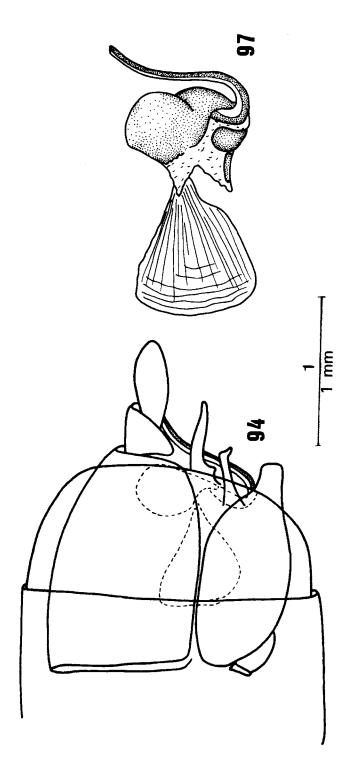
Figs. 86-87. Psilocurus sp., situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (86) and spermathecae (87).



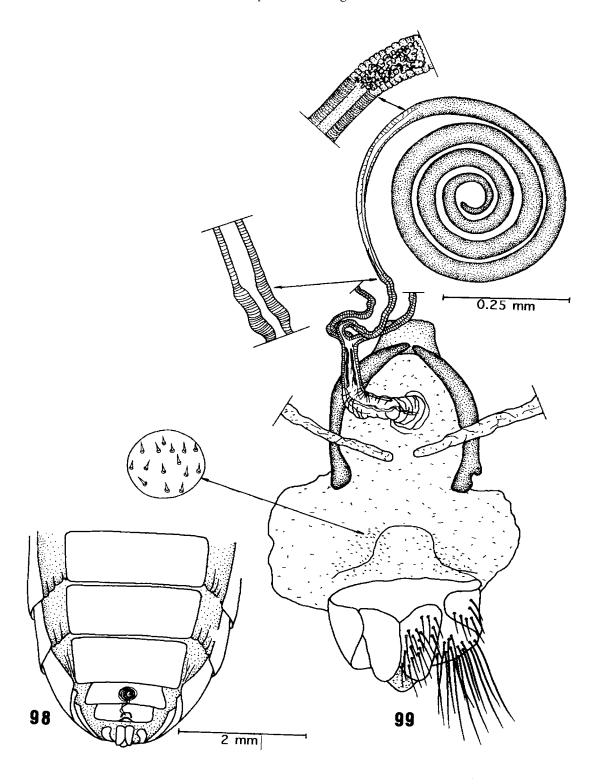
Figs. 88-91. Macahyba nordestina Carrera, male terminalia in lateral (88), ventral (89) and dorsal (90) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (91).



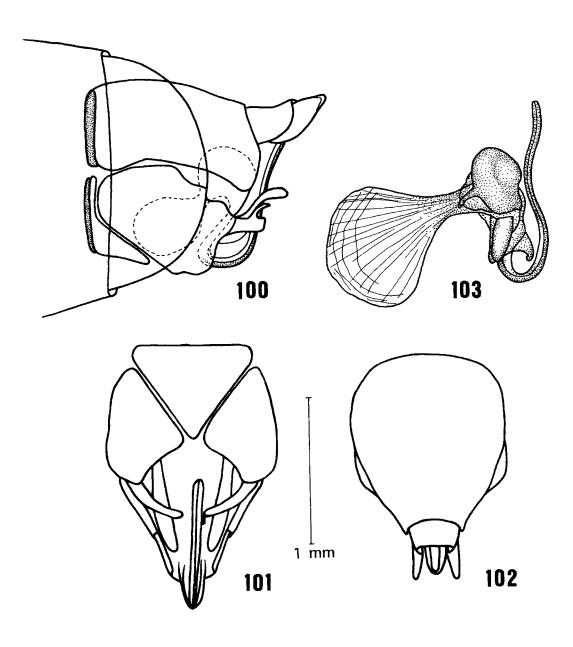
Figs. 92-93. Macahyba nordestina Carrera, situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (92) and spermathecae (93).



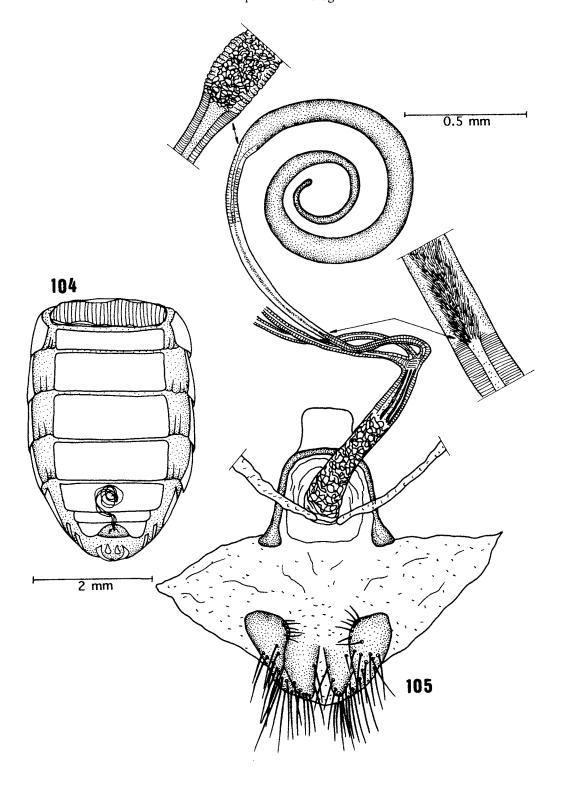
Figs. 94-97. Martinia sp., male terminalia 'in loco', lateral view (94) and in ventral (95) and dorsal (96) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (97).



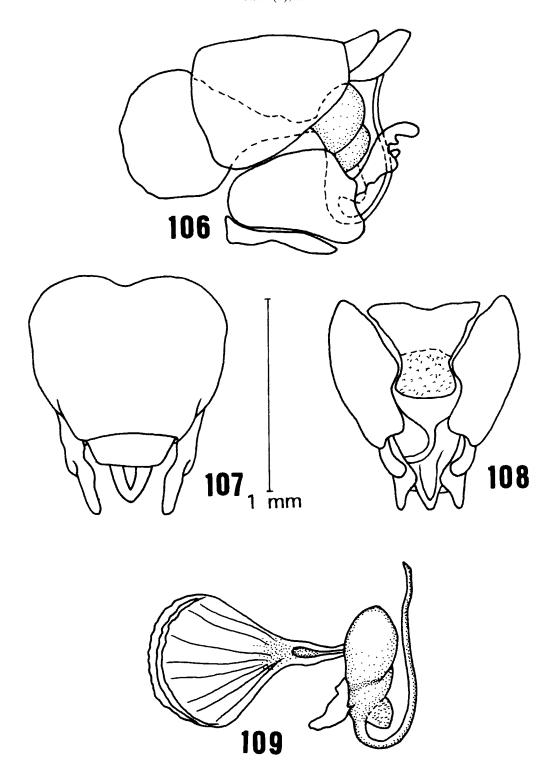
Figs. 98-99. Martinia sp., situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (98) and spermathecae (99).



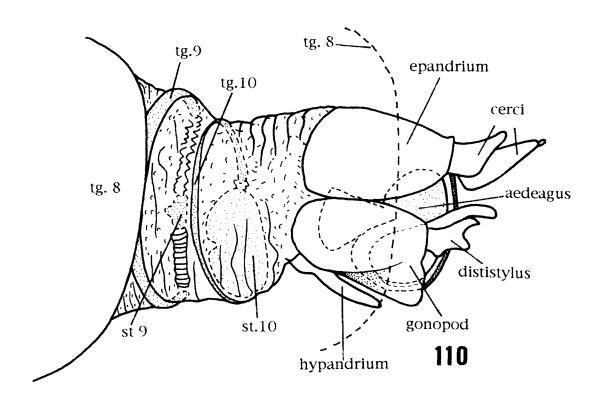
Figs. 100-103. *Cochleariocera neusae*, gen. n., sp. n., male terminalia 'in loco', lateral view (100), and in ventral (101) and dorsal (102) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (103).



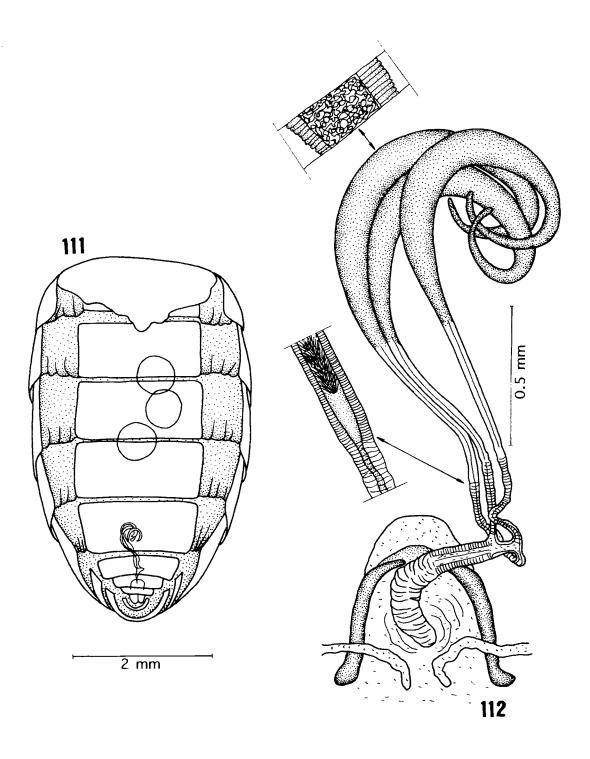
Figs. 104-105. Cochleariocera neusae, gen. n., sp. n., situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (104) and spermathecae (105).



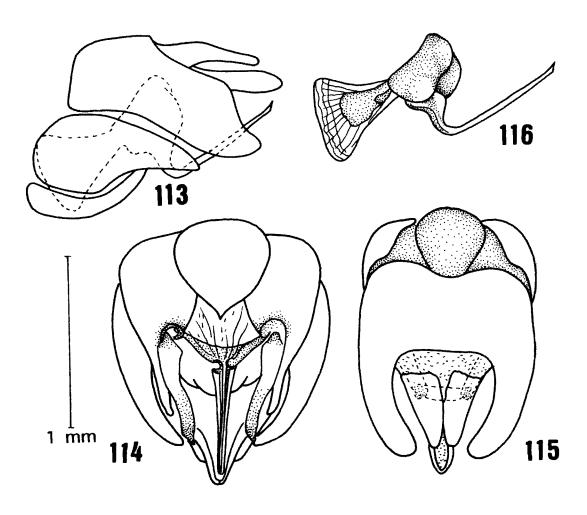
Figs. 106-109. *Protometer evae*, gen. n., sp. n., male terminalia in lateral (106), dorsal (107) and ventral (108) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (109).



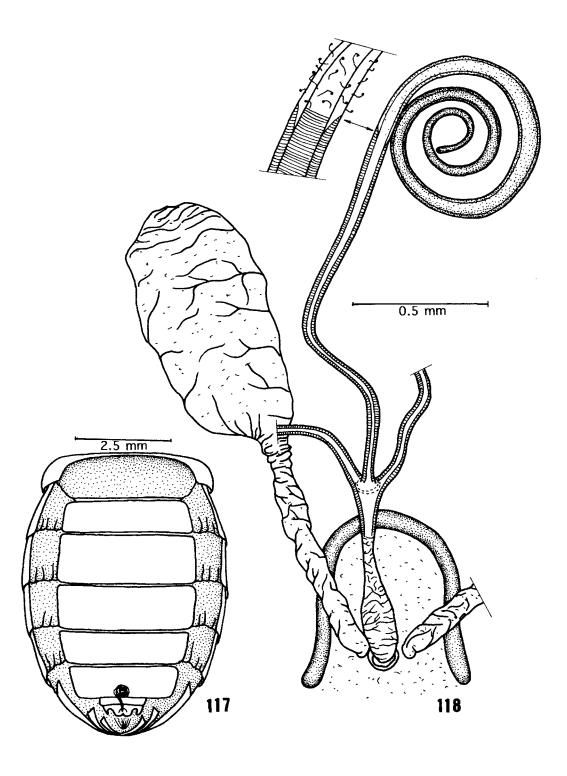
Figs. 110. Protometer evar, gen. n., sp. n., male terminalia and apex of abdomen, lateral view. tg 8: tergite 8; tg 9: tergite 9; tg 10: tergite 10; st 9: sternite 9; st 10: sternite 10; epandrium; cerci; aedeagus; hypandrium, gonopods, dististylus.



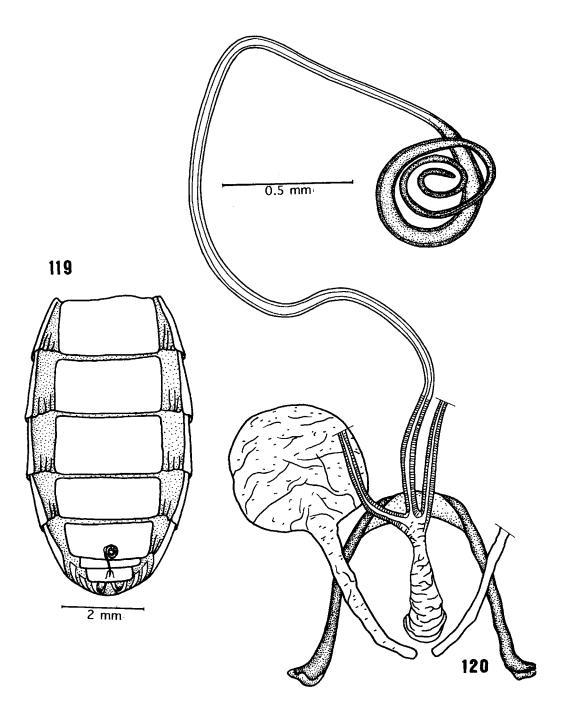
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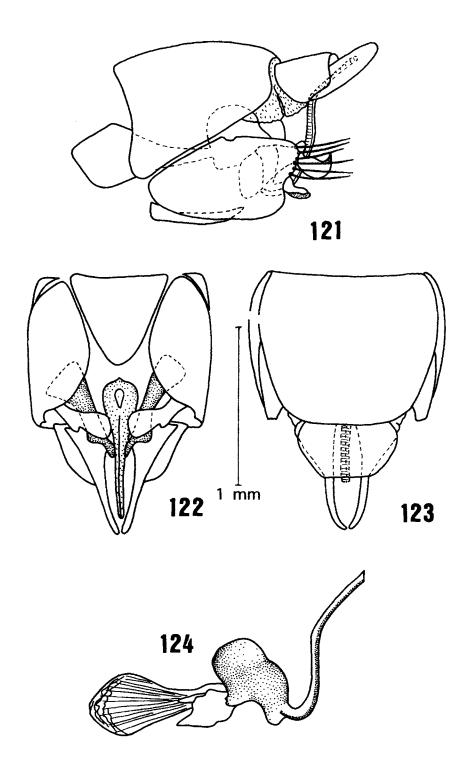
Figs. 113-116. *Triclioscelis femorata* Roeder, male terminalia in lateral (113), ventral (114) and dorsal (115) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (116).



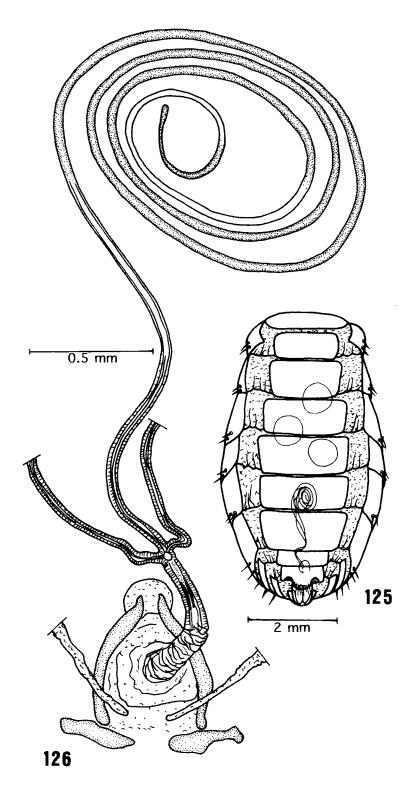
Figs. 117-118. Triclioscelis femorata Roeder, situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (117) and spermathecae (118).



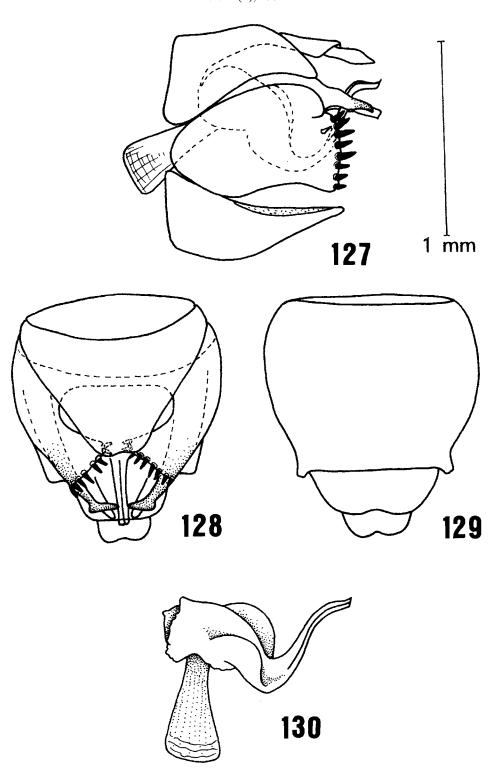
Figs. 119-120. Perasis sp., situation of spermathecae in the abdomen (119) and spermathecae (120).



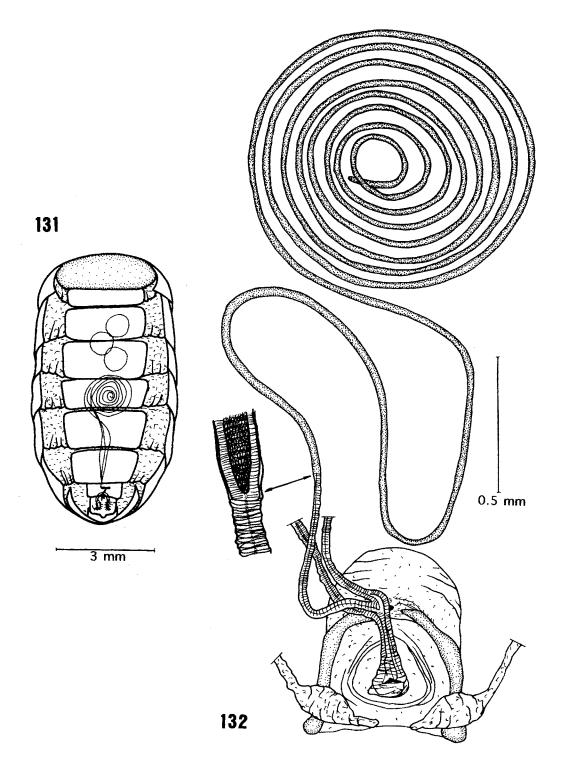
Figs. 121-124. Asicya sp., male terminalia in lateral (121), ventral (122) and dorsal (123) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (124).



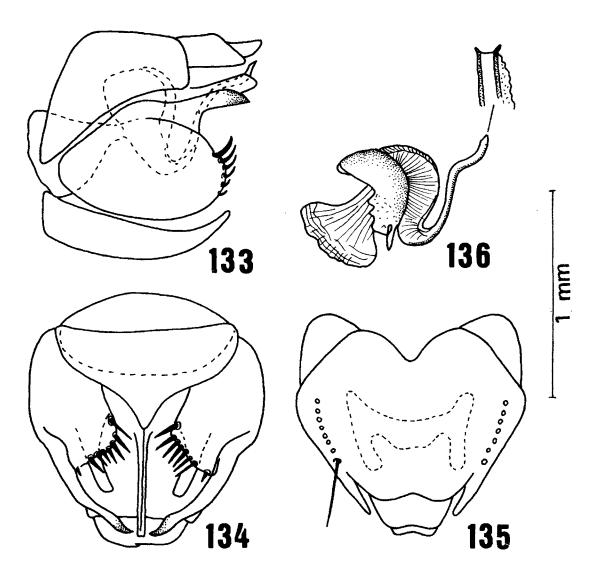
Figs. 125-126. Asicya sp., situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (125) and spermathecae (126).



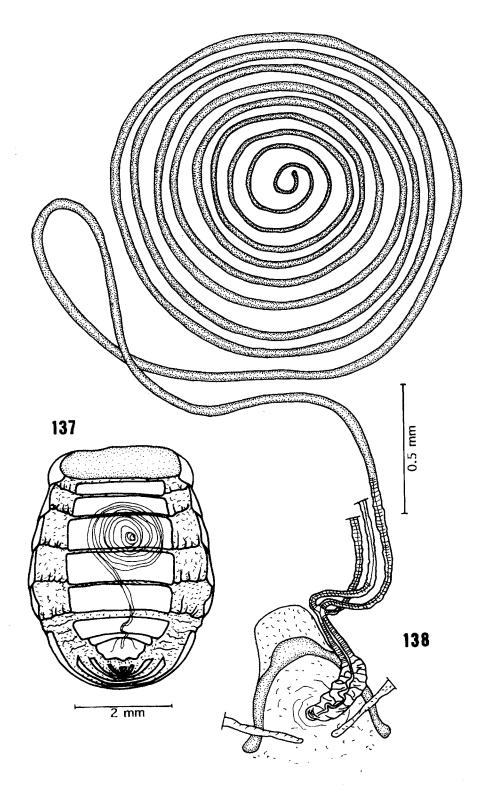
Figs. 127-130. Gymnotriclis coscaronorum, gen. n., sp. n., male terminalia in lateral (127), ventral (128) and dorsal (129) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (130).



Figs. 131-132. Gymnotriclis coscaronorum, gen. n., sp. n., situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (131) and spermathecae (132).



Figs. 133-136. *Chrysotriclis willinkorum*, gen. n., sp. n., male terminalia in lateral (133), ventral (134) and dorsal (135) views, and aedeagus in lateral view (136).



Figs. 137-138. Chrysotriclis willinkorum, gen. n., sp. n., situation of the spermathecae in the abdomen (137) and spermathecae (138).

- camposi Curran, 1931: 8. Type-locality: Ecuador, Guayaquil. HT: AMNH.
- caudatus Williston, 1901: 308, pl. 5, fig. 20. Typelocality: Mexico, Guerrero: Chilpancingo, Amula and Tepetlapa. ST: BMNH.
- puellus Bromley, 1934: 92. Type-locality: USA, Texas, Bexar Co. HT?

Genus Triclioscelis Roeder

- Triclioscelis Roeder, 1900: 337. Type-species, burmeisteri Roeder (sub. des., Hermann, 1920: 183).
- burmeisteri Roeder, 1900: 337. Type-locality: Argentina, Tucumán. HT?
- femorata Roeder, 1900: 339. Type-locality: Argentina, Santa Fe. HT?
- perfecta Curran, 1934: 2. Type-locality: Ecuador, Gulgo de Guayaquil, Puerto Grande, Isla Puná. HT: AMNH.
- salti (Curran), 1931: 18 (*Laphystia*). Type-locality: Colombia, Magdalena, Ciénaga. HT: AMNH.

Genus Zabrops Hull

- Zabrops Hull, 1957: 90. Type-species, *Triclis tagax* Williston (orig. des.).

 Ref. Fisher, 1977 (rev.).
- janiceae Fisher, 1977: 211, figs. 55-57, 65, 72-73. Type-locality: Mexico, Baja California, 20 mi. w. of Bahía de Los Angeles. HT: CAS.
- tagax Williston, 1883: 9, pl. 1, figs. 6, 6a. Type-locality: USA, California, Kern Co. HT: UK.
- tagax argutus Fisher, 1977: 204, figs. 46, 60, 67, 73. Type-locality: Mexico, Baja California, 7 mi. nw. of El Rosario. HT: CAS.
- thologaster Fisher, 1977: 210, figs. 52-54, 64, 71, 73. Type-locality: Mexico, Baja California, 0.5 mi. ne. of El Molino, Bahía San Quintín. HT: CAS.

Unplaced Laphystiinae

- columbina Schiner, 1868: 175 (Laphystia). Typelocality: Colombia. ST: WIEN (n° 5616). Marginal cell closed.
- robusta Hermann, 1908: 161, fig. 7 (Laphystia).

Type-locality: Peru, Urubamba R., Rosalina, 700 m. HT? (terminalia eaten away) MUN.

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