Revision of the bee genus *Capicola* (Hymenoptera: Apoidea: Melittidae) distributed in the Southwest of Africa

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Abstract. The bee family Melittidae (Hymenoptera: Apoidea) includes 14 genera. Most have been reviewed but not the small African genus *Capicola*. The present work aims to fill this gap. Based on the revision of the type material and 1272 additional specimens, we provide a comprehensive synonymic and annotated catalogue of the 12 *Capicola* species sensu Michener (1981). Lectotypes are designated for the previously established species *Capicola braunsiana* (= *C. obscura* syn. n.), *C. cinctiventris*, *C. femorata*, *C. flavitarsis* and *C. rufiventris*. Moreover, *C. danforthi* sp. n., *C. flavicara* sp. n., *C. gessorum* sp. n., *C. micheneri* sp. n., and *C. richtersveldensis* sp. n., are newly described, as well as the previously unknown female of *C. nanula*, male of *C. nigerrima* and male of *C. rhodostoma*. New synonymies are proposed for *C. braunsiana* (= *C. obscura*) and *C. flavitarsis* (= *C. cinctiventris*). An original dataset of 20 morphological characters is used for the inference of the 12 species' phylogenetic relationship. A key to species is provided. In addition, the ranges of the 12 taxa are mapped and discussed. This paper contributes to a global revision of the Melit tidae.

INTRODUCTION

The family Melittidae is subdivided into four subfamilies Dasypodainae, Macropidinae, Meganomiinae and Melittinae (Engel, 2001). They include 14 genera ranging worldwide, except in Australia and South America (Michener, 2000). Most of these genera have been reviewed (Stage, 1966; Michener, 1981; Whitehead & Steiner, 2001; Michez et al., 2004a,b; Michez & Patiny, 2005, 2006) but the revision of *Capicola* Friese, 1911 is still needed.

Capicola is restricted to southern Africa, but is closely related to the Neartic genus Hesperapis Cockerell, 1898 (Michener, 1981; Engel, 2005). Both, Hesperapis and Capicola share morphological features, notably the shape of stigma, the two sub-marginal cells (the first longer than the second), the galea comb inserted in front of the maxillary palpus insertion and the scopa restricted to the outer face of hind tibia and basitarsus. On the contrary, the two genera differ in the shape of the pygidial plate, which displays a strong longitudinal median, well-defined, usually elevated, area in Capicola females.

Friese (1911) described the genus *Capicola* based on *C. braunsiana* Friese, 1911, and placed it in Panurginae (due to the presence of two submarginal cells and a short glossa). Later, the same author (Friese, 1912, 1925), followed by Cockerell (1932a, b, 1934, 1936a), described 15 additional species in *Capicola*, *Hesperapis* and *Rhinochaetula* Friese, 1912. Michener (1981) synonymised

most of these species acknowledging six species in the genus. This author also proposed the placement of *Capicola* within Dasypodaini and its subdivision into two subgenera: *Capicola* s.str. (including *C. braunsiana*, *C. cinctiventris* Friese, 1912, *C. flavitarsis* Friese, 1912, *C. nanula* Cockerell, 1936, *C. rufiventris* Friese, 1912) and *Capicoloides* Michener, 1981 (for *C. aliciae* Cockerell, 1932). More recently, *Capicola* and *Capicoloides* were placed as two subgenera among the seven already acknowledged in *Hesperapis* (Michener, 2000). At the supra-generic level, Engel (2005) proposed to place *Hesperapis* s. l. (including *Capicola* and *Capicoloides*) in the subtribe Hesperapina, together with *Eremaphanta* Popov, 1940

Knowledge of the life history of *Capicola* is still sketchy. Only *C. braunsiana* was studied by Rozen (1974). The nesting area studied by Rozen is described as sandy, treeless, with numerous widely spaced desert plants (principally *Mesembryanthemum* sp., Aizoaceae). The nest itself is very simple with a main ground tunnel giving rise to a series of linear cells. On the other hand, in a recent work, Gess & Gess (2004) described floral choices for 12 species of *Capicola*, highlighting their specialized floral choices. According to this work, six species are oligolectic on *Wahlenbergia* sp. (Campanulaceae), five other on *Mesembryanthemum* sp. and a twelfth on *Indigofera* sp. (Fabaceae) and *Limeum* sp. (Molluginaceae). Unfortunately, the latter authors did not

make reference to the taxonomic identity of the studied bee species, making impossible any further discussion.

In the present paper, we provide a comprehensive synonymic and annotated catalogue of Capicola sensu Michener (1981) based on the study of the type material and 1272 additional non-type specimens. Lectotypes are designated for the previously described species C. braunsiana, C. cinctiventris, C. femorata Friese, 1925, C. flavitarsis and C. rufiventris. Moreover, C. danforthi sp. n., C. flavicara sp. n., C. gessorum sp. n., C. micheneri sp. n. and C. richtersveldensis sp. n., are described, as well as the previously unknown female of C. nanula, male of C. nigerrima Cockerell, 1932 and male of C. rhodostoma Cockerell, 1932. The phylogenetic relationships among the 12 species are inferred based on a dataset of 20 morphological characters. A key to species is given. In addition, the geographic ranges of these taxa are mapped and discussed. The present paper contributes to a global revision of the Melittidae.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Studied material

The type material of *Capicola* is located in following institutions: Albany Museum, Grahamstown, South Africa (AMGS); American Museum of Natural History New York, USA (AMNH); Cornell University, Ithaca, USA (CUIC); Natural History Museum, London, United Kingdom (NHMN); Plant Protection Research Institute, Pretoria, South Africa (SANC); Museum für Naturk. der Humboldt-Univ., Berlin, Germany (ZMHB); Iziko South African Museum, Cape Town, South Africa (SAMC).

All types were reviewed, except that of *C. callura* Cockerell 1932 (not located). Additional material was studied from collections of: Albany Museum, AMGS, 273 spec.; American Museum of Natural History, AMNH, 289 spec.; Cornell University, CUIC, 21 spec.; Iziko South African Museum, SAMC, 478 spec.; Museum für Naturk. der Humboldt-Univ., ZMHB, 3 spec.; National Museum Windhoek Namibia, NMWN, 74 spec.; Natural History Museum, NHMN, 51 spec.; Oberösterreichisches Landesmuseums, OOLL, 6 spec.; Plant Protection Research Institute, SANC, 49 spec.; Kuhlmann, University of Münster, UM, 21 spec.

Taxonomic and systematic study

Species concept

In the present paper we define taxa using a morphological species concept, too little information being available to consider eco-, etho- or pheno-species.

Morphological terms, abbreviations and illustrations

We used the glossary of Harris (1979) for description of the surface sculpture and Michener's (2000) for morphology. Puncture density is given as the relationship between puncture diameter (d) and the spaces between them (i), such as i > d.

The following abbreviations were used for morphological structures: antennal segment – A (A1 = scape); tibia – Tb; femur – F; Basitarsus – Bt; Metasomal sternum – S; Metasomal tergum – T; pygidial plate – Pp; body length – L; maximum width – W. The integument ultrastructures were studied using SEM (JEOL JSM-6100) associated to the software Semafore (JEOL, Sollentuna, Sweden).

Cladistic analysis

Taxa. The 12 described species were included in the cladistic analysis (dataset in Table 1). *Dasypoda hirtipes* (Fabricius, 1793) and *Hesperapis regularis* (Cresson, 1878) (Dasypodainae, Dasypodaini) were used as outgroups.

Characters. 20 morphological characters were included in the analysis.

Female and male

- 1. Head: (0) as wide as long; (1) wider than long; (2) longer than wide.
- 2. Outer surface of galea: (0) sculptured; (1) smooth.
- 3. Labial palpus: (0) as long as maxillary palpus; (1) shorter than maxillary palpus.
- 4. Clypeus: (0) black; (1) reddish to yellow.
- 5. Clypeus: (0) width equal to length; (1) twice as wide as long; (2) two and a half times as wide as long; (3) three times as wide as long.
- 6. Base of propodeal triangle: (0) rugose; (1) shiny.
- 7. Disc of T2–4: (0) flat, without basal concavity; (1) with basal concavity.

Female

- 8. Clypeus: (0) densely punctate (i < d), at least basally; (1) sparsely punctate (i > 3d).
- 9. Propodeum seen in profile: (0) with declivous basal area; (1) with horizontal basal area.
- 10. Spurs of Tb2: (0) without outstanding sharp spine; (1) with outstanding sharp spines.
- 11. Outer surface of Tb3: (0) without large, blunt spine; (1) with large, blunt spine.
- 12. Pp: (0) without median elevated area; (1) with median elevated area weakly raised, consisting of a pair of median subparallel ridges, area between these ridges concave; (2) with a strongly elevated median area.

Male

- 13. Clypeus: (0) without median groove; (1) with median groove.
- 14. A5: (0) longer than wide; (1) width subequal to greater than length.
- 15. Tb3: (0) not expanded apically; (1) expanded apically.
- 16. Disc of S6: (0) without medio-longitudinal groove; (1) with medio-longitudinal groove.
- 17. S6: (0) without medio-apical process; (1) with medio-apical curved blade; (2) with narrow medio-apical teeth that are half as long as S6 disc; (3) with large medio-apical teeth as long as S6
- 18. S7: (0) disc not narrowed, apex generally emarginate; (1) main part narrowed medially.
- 19. S7: (0) apical lobes not diverging; (1) apical lobes diverging.20. Gonostylus: (0) without groove; (1) with narrow hairy groove (with parallel margins); (2) with large hairy groove (margin of groove not parallel); (3) with large hairless groove.

Analysis. The dataset (Table 1) was analysed in two ways using PAUP 4.0b10 (Swofford, 2001). A heuristic parsimony search was first made with *Dasypoda hirtipes* and *Hesperapis regularis* as outgroups (ingroup = 12 *Capicola* species). The starting tree was obtained by stepwise addition. 10,000 random additional sequences were performed during the search. The branch swapping option was kept as default (TBR). All minimal trees found during branch swapping were kept. The most parsimonious trees yielded were used to compute a strict and a 50% majority rule consensus. The effect of successive weighting method (along ten steps of reweighting) was tested using the same analytical framework. In this case, the most parsimonious

TABLE 1. Character-state matrix for cladistic analysis.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Outgroup																				
Dasypoda hirtipes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hesperapis regularis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ingroup																				
Capicola aliciae	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	3	1	1	0
C. braunsiana	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1
C. danforthi	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2
C. flavicara	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1
C. flavitarsis	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2
C. gessorum	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	3
C. micheneri	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	1
C. nanula	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	1
C. nigerrima	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2
C. rhodostoma	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1
C. richtersveldensis	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2
C. rufiventris	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	3

trees yielded on the final (tenth) step were used to draw a strict and a 50% majority rule consensus. The bootstrap (150 replicates) support values were computed both considering the characters of equal weight and after the last reweighting step.

Alternatively, an exhaustive search was also performed (ALLTREES). *H. regularis* (outgroup) and *C. rufiventris* (ingroup) were cancelled from the dataset, to bring the number of taxa to 12, which is the upper limit for exhaustive search in PAUP.

Biogeography, phenology and host plant affiliation

We synthesised the biogeography, phenology and host plant information in a catalogue. Species are listed following alphabetical order. The synonyms are quoted under the priority species name in chronological order with references to their original description and subsequent citations. In addition, we give the holotype depository and the locus typicus for each species.

The non-type specimens information is also quoted using the following standardisation of the labels' data: locality, coordinates (or conventional coordinates in decimal degrees when not on the label), date, collector, plants visited and depository.

The displayed maps synthesize the biogeographical information of the material examined as well as biogeographical data published with species description (Friese, 1912, 1925; Cockerell, 1932a, b, 1934, 1936a, b). These biogeographical data have been included in BDFGM (Banque de données fauniques Gembloux-Mons). They were processed using Data Fauna Flora 2.0 (Barbier et al., 2000). Conventional geographic coordinates for the records were obtained from the numeric gazetteer included in the software (CFFGazet). Data were mapped using Carto Fauna Flora 2.0 (Barbier & Rasmont, 2000). A Gall geographical projection was used for mapping (Barbier & Rasmont, 2000).

The labelling data provided information for the host plant of 370 specimens of *Capicola*. Most of these data are from the expeditions of F.W. and S.K. Gess (AMGS), and J.G. Rozen (AMNH).

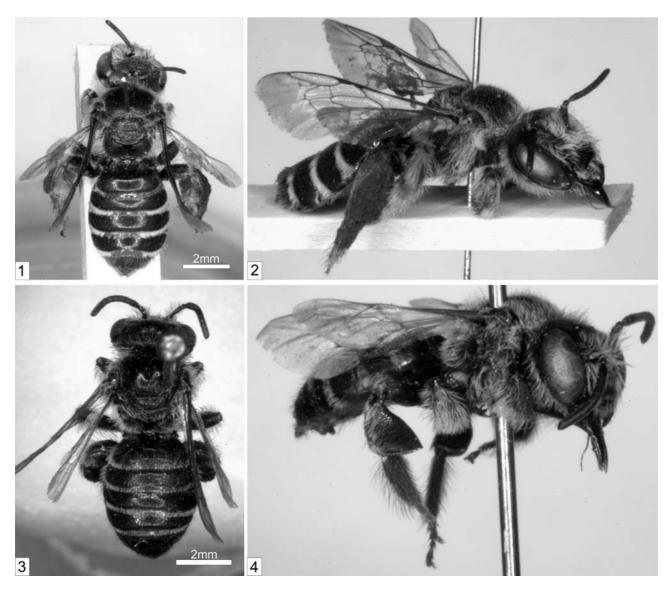
RESULTS

Cladistic analysis

The heuristic search based on the dataset (Table 1) yielded two equally parsimonious trees of length = 46, CI = 0.6087 and RI = 0.7465. The same search after ten steps of successive weighting of the characters yields one tree with the same topology, length = 21, CI = 0.784 and RI = 0.8821. The strict consensus of the trees from unweighted analysis is displayed in Fig. 100. The exhaustive search produces six trees, length = 44, CI = 0.6364 and RI = 0.7288 (Fig. 101).

Based on the previous trees, three species-groups could be identified within Capicola (of which monophyly was strongly supported by the yielded topologies). The first of these groups include C. aliciae + C. micheneri [= subgenus Capicoloides sensu Michener (1981)] associated with C. braunsiana, C. rhodostoma and C. nanula. The bootstrap value for C. aliciae + C. micheneri was notably high (88, 99 with weighted characters). On the contrary, grouping within the three other species received only low support: 47 (77 after weighting) for basal node and 41 (57 after weighting) for C. nanula + (C. braunsiana + C. rhodostoma) (Fig. 100). This latter clade was not displayed by the consensus of the six trees yielded by an exhaustive search (Fig. 101). In this topology C. braunsiana, C. rhodostoma and C. nanula branched off a basal polytomy. The second group, C. rufiventris, C. flavitarsis, C. richtersveldensis, C. nigerrima, C. gessorum and C. danforthi, was better supported by bootstrap values. The basal node had a bootstrap support = 79 (91 when characters were weighted) and all derived nodes received support higher than 50 (Fig. 100). The topology of this clade was conserved in the exhaustive search (Fig. 101). C. flavicara alone constituted the third group among Capicola.

The first species group is characterized by the derived state of the characters 8 and 9, namely the clypeus punc-



Figs 1–4. Capicola nigerrima. 1 – dorsal view of female habitus; 2 – lateral view of female habitus (scale as in Fig. 1); 3 – dorsal view of male habitus; 4 – lateral view of male habitus (scale as in Fig. 3).

tuation and the propodeum declivity. The second species group is characterized by the descriptors 15, apical expansion of Tb3, 17, apical emargination of S6, and 20, presence of hairy grooves on gonostyli. *C. flavicara* is characterized by the yellow coloration of clypeus (character 4) and the shape of the head, which is longer than wide (character 1).

Catalogue of species included in *Capicola* Genus *Capicola* Friese, 1911

Capicola Friese, 1911: 672. Type species: Capicola braunsiana Friese, 1911 (monobasic).

Capicola (Rhinochaetula) Friese, 1912: 185. Type species: Capicola cinctiventris Friese, 1912 (= Capicola flavitarsis Friese, 1912).

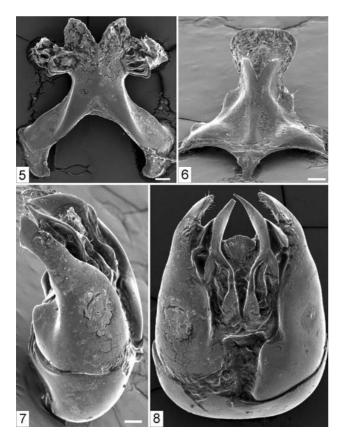
Capicola (Capicola) Friese: Michener, 1981: 81–83.

Hesperapis (Capicola) Friese: Michener, 2000: 401–404.

Capicola (Capicoloides) Michener, 1981: 81–85. Type species: Capicola aliciae Cockerell, 1932 (monobasic).

Hesperapis (Capicoloides) Michener: Michener, 2000: 401–404.

Diagnosis. \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{F} . Small to medium sized (4–12) mm). Head generally wider than long. Galea comb in front of maxillary palpus insertion (Fig. 51). Propodeal triangle hairless, with horizontal (Fig. 44) or declivous basal area. Stigma less than twice as long as prestigma (Fig. 2). Two sub-marginal cells, first longer than second (Fig. 2). Second abscissa of Rs right angled (Fig. 2). Basitibial plate present (Figs 31, 43, 64, 80). Terga with apical fringes. Q. Scopa restricted to outer surface of hind tibia and basitarsus (Figs 1-2). Keirotrichia extensively developed on inner surface of Tb3 and Bt3 (Fig. 45). Pp with longitudinal median, well defined, usually elevated area (Figs 9–10, 18, 30, 48–49, 58–59, 91). ♂. Pp absent. S6 commonly tetralobed (two medio-apical and two lateroapical processes), lobes hairy (Figs 11, 20-21, 26, 32, 38, 52, 60, 66-67, 71, 78, 84, 87). Gonostylus fused to gonocoxite, usually with a medio-longitudinal hairy groove (Figs 14–16, 23–25, 29, 35–37, 55–57, 63, 68–70, 74–76, 82 - 83)



Figs 5–8. Capicola aliciae, δ . 5 – ventral view of sternum 7 (scale = 100 μ m); 6 – ventral view of sternum 8 (scale = 100 μ m); 7 – lateral view of genitalia (scale = 100 μ m); 8 – dorsal view of genitalia (scale as in Fig. 7).

1. Capicola aliciae Cockerell, 1932

Capicola aliciae Cockerell, 1932b: 174–175, ♀.

Hesperapis aliciae (Cockerell): Cockerell, 1932c: 59.

Capicola (Capicoloides) aliciae Cockerell: Michener, 1981: 81, 83–85.

Hesperapis (Capicoloides) aliciae (Cockerell): Michener, 2000: 403.

Type material. Holotype \mathfrak{P} , South Africa, Calvinia (31.47°S, 19.78°E), NHMN. Original designation: "Calvinia, Cape Province".

Diagnosis (Figs 5–8). \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{F} . Head wider than long. Labial palpus, maxillary palpus and glossa of similar lengths. Maxillary palpus shorter than galea. Outer surface of galea mat and sculptured. Clypeus twice as wide as long; with narrow median groove. Compound eyes converging slightly below. Posterior part of propodeal triangle glabrous. $Q \cdot L = 7.6$ mm. Clypeus glabrous with few weak punctures (i > 3d). Mesoscutum and scutellum shiny, densely punctate (i = d). Basal part of propodeal triangle transversally carinate to granulose. Propodeum shiny. Legs 1-3 with yellowish hairs. Spurs of Tb2 with eight sharp outstanding spines. T1-T3 black and mat, with apical fringes. T1 with apical fringe sparser medially, sometimes interrupted. Prepygidial fimbria brown. Pp with median area strongly elevated. ♂ (Figs 5-8). L = 7.0 mm. Body black. Clypeus covered with long, white, appressed hairs. Antennae ventrally reddish, dorsally brownish. S2–S4 with white, apical fringes. S3–S4 apically emarginated. S6 with wide medio-apical teeth. S8 with large median carina; column curved; apical plate oval shaped. S7–S8 and genitalia as illustrated in Figs 5–8.

Additional material examined (99 specimens). Namibia: 89, Namaskluft, 27.52°S, 16.52°E, 26.ix.2003, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 19, Rosh Pinah (27.95°S, 16.77°E), 28.x.1974, R.H. Watmough, SANC; 19, Klinghardtberge (27.33°S, 15.75°E), 19.x.1974, R.H. Watmough, SANC; 1♀, Boom River Canyon, 4 km North Orange River, 28°S, 17.03°E, 200 m, 25-30.x.1996, M&A Wedd Expedition, SANC. South Africa: 3♀/1♂, Richtersveld (Koeroegabvlakte), 28.11°S, 17.03°E, 17.-24.ix.1995, on Prenia sladeniana, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 1&, Beaufort West (32.35°E, 22.58°E), 28.xi.1933, Ogilvie, BMNH; 19, idem, 29.xi.1933; 18, Graaf Reinet (32.25°S, 24.55°E), 27.x.1931, BMNH; 29, Nelspoort (32.12°S, 23°E), 04.xii.1933, Ogilvie, BMNH; 1♀, Willowmore (33.28°S, 23.48°E), Ogilvie, BMNH; 29, Nieuwoudtville (31.38°S, 19.1°E), 06.xii.1996, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 7♀, Garies (30.55°S, 17.98°E), 21.x.1969, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 1♀, Mesklip (29.83°S, 17.85°E), 21.x.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 19, Leliefontein (33.24°S, 19.17°E), 09.x.2002, Mayer, UM; 19/13, idem, 16.x.2002; 13, idem, 02.x.2002; 13, idem, 14.x.2002; 1♀/1♂, Koeroegab (28.23°S, 17.03°E), 13.x.2001, on Prenia sladeniana, Mayer, UM; 16, Remhoogte (30.24°S, 18.17°E), 16.x.2001, Mayer, UM; 13° , idem, 25.x.2001; $29/13^\circ$, Richtersveld (28.3°S, 17.08°E), 9 km ESE Kuboes, 25.ix.1995, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 1&, Richtersveld, northern Park between hills, NW Koeroegabvlakte (28.25°S, 17.08°E), 14.ix.1995, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 29, Richtersveld, Paradysberg (28.31°S, 17.05°E), 11.x.1974, R.H. Watmough, SANC; 3&, Witwater, 30.23°S, 18.13°E, 4.-6.x.2003, C. Meyer, AMGS; 4&, Remhoogte, 30.24°S, 18.17°E, 1.-14.x.2003, C. Meyer, AMGS; 39/88, Leliefontein, 30.23°S, 18.17°E, 1.–15.x.2003, C. Meyer, AMGS; 1♀/1♂, idem, SANC; 49, Kenhardt area (29.235°S, 21.15°E), x.1939, Museum Staff, SAMC; 119/98, Hester Malan Nature Reserve, Namaqualand, 29.66°S 17.98°E, 17.x.-12.xi.1987, M. Struck, SAMC; 19, Moordenaars Karoo, Lammerfontein (32.83°S, 20.91°E), x.1952, Museum Expedition, SAMC; 1♀, Tankwa Karoo, Kleinbrak, (31.83°S, 25.4°E), xi.1952, Museum Expedition, SAMC; 19, Tankwa Karoo, Renoster Rivier, (31.33°S, 20.3°E), xi.1952, Museum Expedition, SAMC; 1♀/2♂, Lekkersing, Richtersveld, 29°S, 17.06°E, 12.x.1966–29.xi.1977, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 1&, Witwater, 30.23°S, 18.13°E, 4.x.2003, C. Meyer, SAMC; 28, 30 km South of Kamieskroon, 30.26°S 17.57°E, 28.xi.1977, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC.

Distribution (Fig. 95). South Western Namibia and wide-spread in the western and southern parts of South Africa.

Host plant (6 specimens). Aizoaceae, *Prenia sladeniana* $(4 \Im / 2 \Im)$.

First – last observations. 4.x.–06.xii.

2. Capicola braunsiana Friese, 1911

Capicola braunsiana Friese, 1911: 672–673, ♀/♂.

Capicola (Capicola) braunsiana Friese: Michener, 1981: 81–84; Michener, 2000: 403.

Hesperapis (Capicola) braunsiana (Friese): Eardley & Urban, 2006: 162.

Capicola aurescens Cockerell, 1932a: 457–458, ♂.

Hesperapis aurescens (Cockerell): Cockerell, 1936a: 29.

Hesperapis (Capicola) aurescens (Cockerell): Michener, 1981:

Hesperapis turneri Cockerell, 1934: 446–447, ♂/♀.

Capicola (Capicola) turneri (Cockerell): Michener, 1981: 83. Hesperapis obscura Cockerell, 1934: 447–448, ♀. Syn. n.

Type material of C. braunsiana (designated here). Lectotype δ , paralectotype \mathfrak{P} , South Africa, Willowmore (33.28°S, 23.48°E), ZMHB. Original designation: "Willowmore, Kapland". Lectotype: ♂ (ZMBH); labels: 1st printed on white paper "Willowmore Capland Dr. Brauns."; 2nd handwritten with black ink on white paper "Capicola braunsiana 1910 Friese det."; 3rd printed on red paper "Typus"; 4th printed on white paper "Coll. Friese"; 5th printed on white paper "Zool. Mus. Berlin"; 6th printed on red paper "Capicola braunsiana Friese 1911 lectotype design Michez 2006". Paralectotype: ♀ (ZMBH); labels: 1st printed on white paper "Willowmore Capland Dr. Brauns."; 2nd handwritten with black ink on white paper "Capicola braunsiana 1910 Friese det."; 3rd printed on red paper "Typus"; 4th printed on white paper "Coll. Friese"; 5th printed on white paper "Zool. Mus. Berlin"; 6th printed on red paper "Capicola braunsiana Friese 1911 lectotype design Michez 2006".

Type material of *C. aurescens.* Holotype ♂, South Africa, Calvinia (31.47°S, 19.78°E), NHMN. Original designation: "Calvinia, Cape Province".

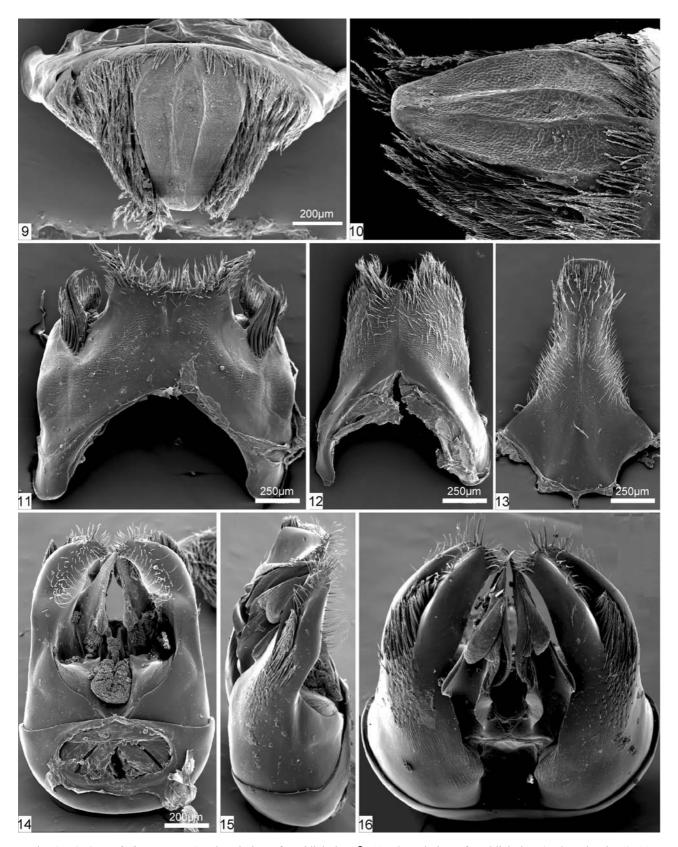
Type material of *C. turneri***.** Holotype \mathcal{S} , cotype \mathcal{S} , South Africa, Little Karoo (?), NHMN. Original designation: "Little Karoo, 38 miles east of Ceres, Cape Province".

Type material of *C. obscura.* Holotype ♀, South Africa, Matjesfontein (?), NHMN. Original designation: "Matjesfontein, Cape Province".

Diagnosis (Figs 9–16). \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{J} . Integument mostly ventral surface of antennal flagellum reddish-black, tarsi 2-3 and Tb3 orangish. Head (including eyes) as wide as long. Labial palpus longer than glossa, as long as maxillary palpus and galea. Outer surface of galea mat and sculptured. Clypeus nearly hairless, about twice as wide as long, without median groove, sparsely punctate (i > 3d). Mesoscutum densely and finely punctate (i < d). Propodeal triangle finely sculptured, shiny apically, with horizontal basal area. \(\begin{align*} \ \text{Figs} \end{align*} \) 9-10). L = 8.4 mm. Compound eyes parallel. Mesoscutum and scutellum with short appressed hairs. Spurs of Tb2 with 4-6 large, outstanding spines. T1-T3 black and mat. T1-T4 with continuous, white apical fringe. Prepygidial fimbria white to very pale brown. Pp with a pair of median subparallel carinae, area between carinae and lateral to them concave (Figs 9–10). ♂ (Figs 11–16). L = 7.2 mm. Eyes not enlarged. Antennae ventrally reddish, dorsally brownish. Scutellum mat, densely punctate (i < d). T1–T5 with white apical fringe. Hind leg without segments enlarged or toothed. S6 with short, narrow medioapical spiny processes (Fig. 11). Apex of S7 weakly concave, with small lobes (Fig. 12). S8 with apical plate subtriangular. S8 and genitalia as illustrated in Figs 13–16.

Additional material examined (278 specimens). Namibia: 3 ? / 1 ? d, Keetmanshoop (26.58°S, 18.13°E), 01.xi.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 4 ? / 39 ? d, idem, 23.x.1968; 1 ? / 1 ? d, idem, 22.x.1968; 3 ? / 7 ? d, idem, 30.x.1968; 1 ? d, 14 km S Rosh Pinah, near Orange River, 28.17°S, 16.55°E, 27.x.1974, R. Watmough, SANC; 2 ? d, between Rosh Pinah (28.17°S, 16.55°E) and Orange River, 28.x.1974, R. Watmough, SANC; 1 ? d, Luderitz, Sinclair Mines (25.7°S, 16.37°E), 7.x.1972, NMWN; 2 ? d, Churutabis (Bethanie) (27.43°S, 17.47°E), 4.–12.x.1974, NMWN; 2 ? d, Gaiaus (Karasberg) (27.33°S, 18.75°E), 13.–17.x.1974,

NMWN; 29, Barby (Bethanie) (25.85°S, 16.55°E), NMWN. South Africa: 39/46, Beaufort West (32.35°S, 22.58°E), 29.xi.1933, Ogilvie, BMNH; 29, idem, 25.xi.1933; 39, idem, 28.XI.1931; 1&, Willowmore (33.28°S, 23.48°E), Brauns, BMNH; 3&, Prince Albert Road (32.98°S, 21.68°E), 26.xi.1931, Turner, BMNH; 29/28, Vanrhynsdorp (31.61°S, 18.73°E), 20.x.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 19/28, idem, 23.x.1974; 1&, Kommetje (34.13°S, 18.32°E), 06.xi.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 39/1∂, Steinkopf (29.27°S, 17.73°E), 03.xi.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 12, Porth Nolloth (29.25°S, 16.87°E), 30.x.1974, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 1∂, idem, 26.x.1974; 19, idem, 25.x.1974; 119/128, idem, 17.x.1972; 38, Oudtshoorn (33.37S, 22.13°E), 10.xii.1996, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 69/78, Steytlerville (33.33°S, 24.35°E), 12.xi.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 3&, Prince Albert (33.22°S, 22.03°E), 19.x.1972, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 1♀, Remhoogte (30.4°S, 18.28°E), 28.x.2001, Mayer, UM; 1♂, Soebatsfontein (30.12°S, 17.58°E), 08.–16.i.2002, Schmiedel, UM; 1♂, Knersvlakte (31.17°S, 18.36°E), 14.xii.2001, Schmiedel, UM; 10°, Boom River Canyon, 4 km North Orange River, 28°S, 17.03°E, 200 m, 25.-30.x.1996, M. & A. Wedd Expedition, SANC; 19, Richtersveld, Foot of Hells Kloof (28.3°S, 16.97°E), 10.x.1974, R. Watmough, SANC; 79, Vioolsdrif (Namaqualand) (28.77°S, 17.65°E), 9.x.1988, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 3♀, Oranjemund, 34 km from checkpoint, Sendelingsdrif road, 28.24°S, 16.44°E, 25.ix.1997, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 1♀, between Annis and Dabie River, 28.20°S, 16.55°E, 20.ix.1997, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 49/36, Hester Malan Nature Reserve, 29.66°S, 17.98°E, 16.–26.x.1985, M. Struck, SAMC; 129/48, idem, 1.x.-17.xi.1986, M. Struck, SAMC; 19, idem, 31.x.1987, M. Struck, SAMC; 1&, Williston, 31.35°S, 20.91°E, 12.x.1966-30.xi.1978, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 13, Lekkersing, Richtersveld, 29°S, 17.06°E, 12.x.1966–29.xi.1977, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 49, Trawal, 31.88°S, 18.63°E, 9.xi.1977, V.B. Whitehead, Mesembryanthemum crystalinum, SAMC; 19/13, Spektakel, 29.65°S, 17.6°E, 30.xi.1977, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 19/13, Witputs (27.26°S, 20.48°E), 15.x.1975, V.B. Whitehead, on Mesembryanthemum sp., SAMC; 2♂, Rooinek Pass (33.20°S, 20.55°E), x.1952, Museum Expedition, SAMC; 19, Albert District, between Burghersdorp and Nooitgedacht (30.95°S, 26.25°E), x.1935, Museum Staff, SAMC; 2♀/2♂, Moordenaars Karoo, Lammerfontein, 32.96°S, 20.81°E, x.1952, Museum Expedition, SAMC; 19, between Nuwerus and Vanrhynsdorp (31.22°S, 18.39°E), xi.1931, Museum Staff, SAMC; 49, Graaff-Reinet, Brooklyn farm, 32.25°S, 24.4°E, 3.i.1980, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 1♂, Kirkwood (33.41°S, 26.44°E), 4.i.1980, V.B. Whitehead, on Mesembryanthemum grandiflorum, SAMC; 19, 30 km E. of Nieuwoudtville (31.38°S, 19.1°E), 26.xi.1981, V.B. Whitehead, on Mesembryanthemum sp., SAMC; 139, Pofadder, Kenhardt Division, 29.13°S, 19.4°E, x.1939, Museum Staff, SAMC; 3♀, Annisfontein, Richtersveld, 28.41°S, 16.88°E, 20.-23.xi.1975, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 29, Groenrivier Mountains, 64 km South of Hondeklipbaai, 30.51°S, 17.35°E, 30.xi.1976, V.B. Whitehead, on Mesembryanthemum sp., SAMC; 39, Vanrhynsdorp, 31.58°S, 18.73°E, 2.xi.1976, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 19/6\$, Ladismith, 33.48°S, 21.26°E, 10.xii.1978, V.B. Whitehead, on Mesembryanthemum sp., SAMC; 23, 36 km North of Concordia, 29.23°S, 18°E, 20.xi.1980, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 19/1 d, 48 km South of Vioolsdrift, 29.11°S, 17.8°E, 11.x.1980, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 1♂, Obib, 28.08°S, 16.75°E, 28.x.1977, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 49, Calitzdorp, 33.53°S, 21.55°E, 28.xii.1978, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 19, idem, 29.xii.1978, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 59, Cookhouse, 32.75°S, 25.81°E, 22.xi.1983, V.B. Whitehead, on Mesembryanthemum grandiflorum, SAMC; 29/48, 15 km N. of Cook-



Figs 9–16. Capicola braunsiana. 9 – dorsal view of pygidial plate 9; 10 – lateral view of pygidial plate (scale as in Fig. 9); 11 – ventral view of sternum 63; 12 – ventral view of sternum 8; 14 – ventral view of genitalia 3; 15 – lateral view of genitalia (scale as in Fig. 14) 3; 16 – dorsal view of genitalia 3 (scale as in Fig. 16).

house (32.75°S, 25.81°E), 2.i.1985, V.B. Whitehead, on *Mesembryanthemum grandiflorum*, SAMC; 4\$, Bracefield, 33.18°S, 25.7°E, 23.xi.1983, V.B. Whitehead, on *Mesembryanthemum*

grandiflorum, SAMC; 2&, Kommadagga, 33.12°S, 25.91°E, 26.xi.1982, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 2\, Richtersveld, 6 km South of Holgatrivier (28.71°S, 17.03°E), 27.xi.1986, M.

Struck, SAMC; 23, 1.3 km East Khoebus Lekkersing (29°S, 17.1°E), 27.xi.1986, M. Struck, SAMC; 52/33, Numees, Richtersveld, 28.28°S, 16.96°E, 8.ix.1986, M. Struck, SAMC.

Distribution (Fig. 96). Widespread through southern Namibia and the western and southern regions of South Africa.

Host plant. (32 specimens). Aizoaceae, *Mesembryanthemum* sp. $(59/7\delta)$, *Mesembryanthemum crystalinum* (49), *Mesembryanthemum grandiflorum* $(119/5\delta)$.

First – last observations. 20.ix.–30.i.

3. Capicola danforthi Eardley sp. n.

Diagnosis (Figs 17–25). ♀ and ♂. Head wider than long (Fig. 17). Labial palpus half as long as maxillary palpus, reaching beyond apex of glossa. Outer surface of galea smooth. Maxillary palpus as long as galea. Compound eyes more or less parallel. Clypeus two and a half times as wide as long. Clypeus, mesoscutum and scutellum shiny and deeply punctate. Propodeal triangle with declivous basal area. Disc of terga with basal concavity. \mathcal{P} (Figs 17–18). L = 10.7 mm. Propodeal triangle mostly shiny, weakly sculptured. Propodeum shiny. Legs 1-3 with yellow or orange hairs. Spurs of Tb2 without large spine. Scopa sparsely pubescent. Apical hair band on T1 continuous. T1-5 black, with shallow punctures. Prepygidial fimbria orange. Pp with a strong elevated median area (Fig. 18). ♂ (Figs 19–25). L = 10.3 mm. Integument mostly black. A4-13 black. A5 longer than wide. All legs black. Tb3 broadened apically, with a tooth between apical spurs (Fig. 19). S6 with medio-apical processes curved and erected ventrally (Figs 20-21). S7 disc very large (Fig. 22). Apical plate of S8 flattened. Genitalia as illustrated in Figs 23–25.

Description. $\$ Head. L = 2.7 mm; W = 3.4 mm. Head wider than long (Fig. 17). Integument mostly black. Mandibles base, labrum and clypeus reddish-black. Clypeus, face, genal area and preoccipital ridge with white, erect hairs. Face shiny. Labial palpus half as long as maxillary palpus, reaching beyond apex of glossa. Maxillary palpus nearly as long as galea. Outer surface of galea smooth. Malar area shorter than A2. Face and vertex densely punctate. Clypeus two and a half times as wide as long; densely punctate (i = d); without median groove. Compound eyes not converging ventrally. Antennae black to reddish-black. Mesosoma. L = 2.1 mm. W = 2.7 mm. Integument black. Mesoscutum and scutellum shiny, densely and distinctly punctate (i = d). Mesepisternum and metanotum with long, erect white hairs. Propodeal triangle hairless, rugose anteriorly, glabrous posteriorly. Propodeum shiny, between dense punctures. Legs. Integument black, except tarsi 1-3 and Tb3 reddish. Vestiture orange. Spurs of Tb2 finely serrate, without large spines. Wings. Surface transparent. Two submarginal cells, first longer than second. Basal vein slightly curved. Metasoma. L = 6.5 mm. W = 4.4 mm. Terga and sterna black. Discs of terga with superficial punctures, with basal concavity. T1-T4 with white continuous apical fringes. Prepygidial fimbria orange. Sterna shiny. Sterna and terga with straight premarginal line. Pp with strong median raised area tapering to apex (Fig. 18). 3. Head. L = 2.8 mm. W = 3.6 mm. Integument black. Mandible reddish-black. Head entirely covered in white, erect hairs.

Labrum swollen. Malar area shorter than A2. Clypeus trapezoidal, densely covered with white hairs, densely punctate (i < d). Eyes with inner margins converging ventrally. Face and vertex deeply punctate. Antennae black. A3 as long as A4. A5 longer than wide. Mesosoma. L =3.9 mm. W = 2.6 mm. Integument black, with long, whiteor orangish, erect hairs; median part of mesoscutum and scutellum a little less hairy. Nota sparsely punctulate. Propodeal triangle mat. Legs. Integument reddish-black. Outer surface with long, white or orange, erect hairs. Inner side of tarsi 1–3 with appressed, golden hairs. Tb3 enlarged (Fig. 19). Metasoma. L = 5.4 mm. W = 3.9 mm. Integument black. T1-T4 covered with erect, white or orange hairs. S2-S5 hairless medially. Disc of terga regularly punctate (i < d), with basal concavity. Apical margin of S5 straight. S6 with medio-apical processes curved ventrally (Figs 20-21). S7 body very large (Fig. 22). Apical plate of S8 flattened. Genitalia as illustrated in Figs 23-25.

Type material (211 specimens). Holotype ♂, 152 paratypes ♀, 58 paratypes ♂; South Africa: ♂ holotype, 3♀/1♂, Arkoep Farm, 6 km N. Kamieskroon, 30.19°S, 17.56°E, 1.-2.x.1990, C.D. Eardley, SANC; 29, Richtersveld National Park, 28.18°S, 16.58°E, 12.-14.ix.2001, C. Eardley, SANC; 1♂, 11 km W Clanwilliam, 32.09°S, 18.45°E, C. Eardley, SANC; $5\frac{9}{32}$, idem, 2.-8.x.1990, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia annularis, AMGS; 59/38, Klipfontein (Namaqualand), 29.5°S, 17.47°E, 14.x.1989, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia cf. annularis, AMGS; 19, Citrusdal (32.6°S, 19.02°E), 16.x.1990, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia annularis, AMGS; 7♀/10♂, Voëlklip (Namaqualand), 29.45°S, 2.-7.x.1994, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia cf. annularis, AMGS; 29/3 &, 23 km from Citrusdal (32.6°S, 19.02°E), on old road, 12.-13.x.1990, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia annularis, AMGS; 39/5&, Sors Sors/Taaiboskraal, 30.08°S, 18.01°E, 3.x.1995, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia annularis, AMGS; 36, Kamieskroon (Namaqualand), Bakleikraal, 30.13°S, 18.03°E, 9.-11.x.1994, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia annularis, AMGS; 69, between Kamieskroon and Springbok, 29.88°S, 17.52°E, x.1939, Museum Staff, SAMC; 115 \, Rooinek Pass (33.20°S, 20.55°E), x.1952, Museum Expedition, SAMC; 39, Klip Vlei, Garies, (33.26°S, 18.35°E), xi.1931, Museum Staff, SAMC.

Etymology. Named after Prof. B.N. Danforth who collected the type material of *C. richtersveldensis* and chose that name for the species.

Distribution (Fig. 97). Western region of South Africa.

Host plant (79 specimens). Campanulaceae, *Wahlenbergia annularis* $(10 \Im /43 \Im)$ and *Wahlenbergia* cf. *annularis* $(13 \Im /13 \Im)$.

First – **last observations**. 14.ix to an unspecified date in November.

4. Capicola flavicara Eardley sp. n.

Diagnosis (Figs 26–29). \mathcal{Q} and \mathcal{S} . Head longer than wide. Integument of antenna, supraclypeal area, clypeus, labrum, mandible, scutum, scutellum, fore and middle legs yellow or orange. Maxillary palpus a little shorter than labial palpus, the latter not quite reaching end of glossa. Maxillary palpus a little shorter than galea, which is subequal in length to labial palpus. Outer surface of galea sculptured. Compound eyes with upper and lower

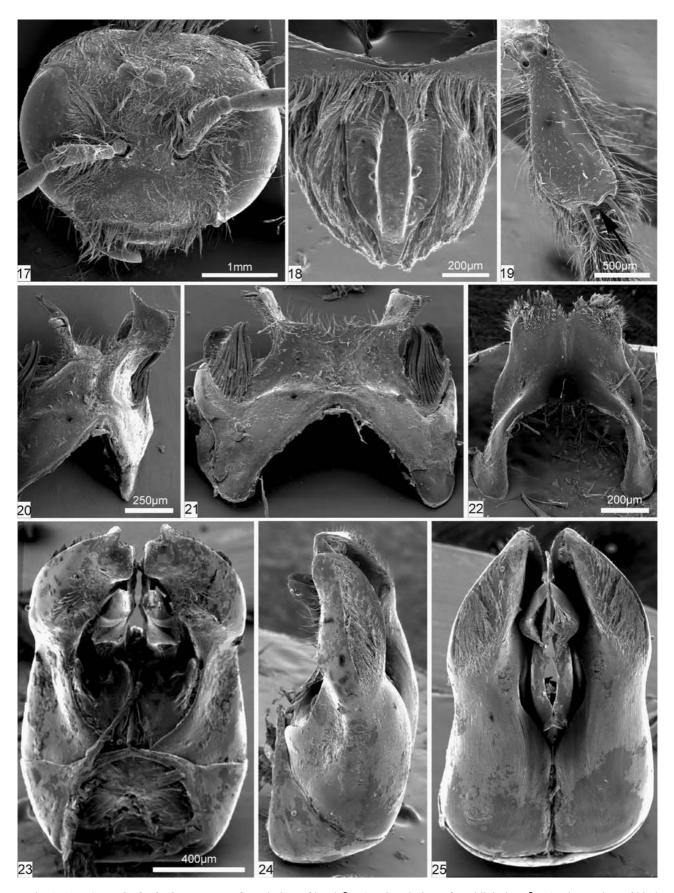
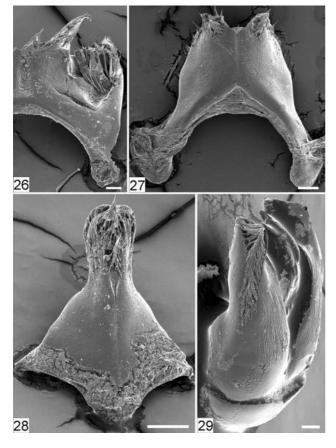


Fig. 17–25. Capicola danforthi sp. n. 17 – frontal view of head \mathfrak{P} ; 18 – dorsal view of pygidial plate \mathfrak{P} ; 19 – inner view of hind tibia \mathfrak{F} with tooth between apical spurs (arrow); 20 – lateral view of sternum \mathfrak{F} ; 21 – ventral view of sternum \mathfrak{F} ; 22 – ventral view of sternum 6; 23 – ventral view of genitalia \mathfrak{F} ; 24 – lateral view of genitalia \mathfrak{F} (scale as in Fig. 23); 25 – dorsal view of genitalia \mathfrak{F} (scale as in Fig. 23).



Figs 26–29. Capicola flavicara sp. n., δ . 26 – ventral view of sternum 6 (scale = 100 μ m); 27 – ventral view of sternum 7 (scale = 100 μ m); 28 – ventral view of sternum 8 (scale = 200 μ m); 29 – lateral view of genitalia (scale = 100 μ m).

interorbital distances subequal. Clypeus about twice as wide as long. Clypeus, mesoscutum and scutellum shiny, with very small, shallow punctures. 9. L = 6.8 mm. T1-T2 and S1-S2 yellow or orange, remainder dull black. Propodeal triangle mostly shiny, with reticulate sculpture. Remainder of propodeum mat. Legs 1-3 with whitish vestiture, except orange under hind basitarsus. Spurs of Tb2 with eight very small spines. Scopa densely pubescent proximally, sparsely pubescent distally. Apical fringes on T1-4 continuous. Prepygidial fimbria black to brownish. Pp gently concave, without medio-longitudinal carinae. δ (Figs 26–29). L = 5.4 mm. Propodeum, T1–T4 and S1-S4 yellow or orange, remainder dull black. Eyes not prominent. A5 as long as wide. Tb3 not broadened. S6 with short medio-apical teeth (Fig. 26). S7-8 and genitalia as illustrated in Figs 27–29.

Description. $\ \$ P. Head. L = 2.2 mm; W = 2.0 mm. Head longer than wide. Integument of antenna, supraclypeal area, clypeus, labrum and mandible yellow or orange, remainder black. Face, genal area and preoccipital ridge with white hairs. Face shiny, with fine punctation. Maxillary palpus a little shorter than labial palpus, the latter not quite reaching end of glossa. Maxillary palpus a little shorter than galea, which is subequal in length to labial palpus. Outer surface of galea scluptured and mat. Malar area shorter than A2. Face and vertex densely but weakly

punctate (i = 2d). Clypeus about twice as wide as long; with many small, shallow punctures, without mediolongitudinal groove. Compound eyes not converging. Mesosoma. L = 2.4 mm. W = 1.6 mm. Integument of pronotum, scutum and scutellum orange, remainder black. Mesoscutum and scutellum shiny, densely but weakly punctate (i = 2d). Mesepisterna and metanotum with long, white hairs. Propodeum seen in profile with horizontal basal area. Propodeal triangle hairless, mostly shiny, with basal reticulate sculpture; remainder of propodeum mat. Legs. Integument of legs 1–2 mostly orange, leg 3 mostly blackish; vestiture white. Inner surface of tarsus 3 with orange hairs. Spurs of Tb2 with about eight very small spines. Wings. Surface transparent. Two submarginal cells, the first longer than the second. Basal vein slightly curved. Metasoma. L = 3.6 mm. W = 2.2 mm. T1-T2 and S1-S2 reddish, remainder of metasoma dull black, with reticulate sculpture and weak punctures. T1-T4 with white, continuous apical fringes. Prepygidial fimbria black. Premarginal lines curved anteriorly medially. Pp shallowly concave, reddish, without medio-longitudinal carinae. 3. Head. L = 1.9 mm. W = 1.8 mm. Head slightly longer than wide. Integument of antenna, supraclypeal area, clypeus, labrum and mandible, yellow or orange, remainder dull black. Face, genal area and preoccipital ridge with white hairs. Vertex shiny, with fine punctation. Maxillary palpus a little shorter than labial palpus, the latter not quite reaching end of glossa. Maxillary palpus a little shorter than galea, which is subequal in length to labial palpus. Galea sculptured and mat. Labrum not swollen. Malar area shorter than A2. Clypeus about twice as wide as long, with small, shallow punctures, without a medio-longitudinal groove. Compound eyes converge slightly ventrally. Face and vertex with small, shallow punctures. A3 longer than A4. Mesosoma. L = 2.0 mm. W = 1.3 mm. Integument of scutum, scutellum,propodeum orange; remainder dull black. Vestiture generally long and white (partly damaged and cannot be fully described). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum and propodeum with small, shallow and dense punctures (i < d). Anterior part of propodeal triangle with reticulate sculpture. Legs. Legs 1-2 orange, leg 3 dull black. Sculpture reticulate. Vestiture white, except ventral surface of tarsus 3 blackish-orange. Tb3 not modified. Wings. Surface brown. Two submarginal cells; first longer than second. Basal vein slightly curved. Metasoma. L = 3.1 mm. W = 1.8 mm. Integument T1-T4 and S1-S4 yellowish-orange, remainder reddish-black. T1 with white, medially interrupted, apical fringe; T2-T4 with white, uninterrupted, apical fringes. Reticulate sculpture and sparse, fine punctures. S6 with short medio-apical teeth (Fig. 26). S7-8 and genitalia as illustrated (Figs 27–29).

Type material (4 specimens). Holotype &, 2 paratypes &, 1 paratype &; South Africa: 1 \$\text{P}/1\$ &, Annisfontein, Richtersveld, 28.41°S, 16.88°E, 20.—23.xi.1975, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 1 \$\text{P}\$, Clanwilliam, 32.18°S, 18.88°E, ix.1977, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 1\$\text{d}\$, Richtersveld N Park, Paradise Kloof, 28.19°S, 17.01°E, 22.ix.1995, F. W. Gess, on *Drosanthemum* sp., SAMC.

Etymology. This species' name refers to its yellow clypeus.

Distribution (Fig. 98). This species is known only from the north-western region of South Africa.

Host plant (1 specimen). Aizoaceae, *Drosanthemum* sp. (13).

First – **last observations**. Unspecified date in September to 23.xi.

5. Capicola flavitarsis Friese, 1912

Capicola flavitarsis Friese, 1912: 185, &.

Hesperapis flavitarsis (Friese): Cockerell, 1934: 446.

Capicola (Capicola) flavitarsis Friese: Michener, 1981: 82–83. Capicola (Rhinochaetula) cinctiventris Friese, 1912: 186, ♀. Syn. n.

Capicola cinctiventris Friese: Cockerell, 1915: 342–343.

Hesperapis (Capicola) cinctiventris (Friese): Eardley & Urban, 2006: 164.

Type material of *C. flavitarsis* (designated here). Lectotype *δ*, South Africa, Willowmore (33.28°S, 23.48°E), ZMHB. Original designation: "Willowmore, Südafrika". Lectotype: *δ* (ZMBH), labels: 1st printed on white paper "Willowmore Capland Dr. Brauns."; 2nd handwritten with black ink on white paper "Capicola flavitarsis 1910 Friese det."; 3rd printed on red paper "Typus"; 4th printed on red paper "Capicola flavitarsis Friese 1912 paralectotype design Michez 2006". Paralectotype: *δ* (ZMBH), labels: 1st printed on white paper "Willowmore Capland Dr. Brauns."; 2nd handwritten with black ink on white paper "Rophites alfkeni Br."; 3rd printed on red paper "Typus"; 4th printed on white paper "Coll. Friese"; 5th printed on white paper "Zool. Mus. Berlin"; 6th printed on red paper "Capicola flavitarsis Friese 1912 lectotype design Michez 2006".

Type material of *C. cinctiventris* (designated here). Lectotype $\,^\circ$, South Africa, Ookiep (29.6°S, 17.9°E), ZMHB. Original designation: "Ookiep, Südafrika". Lectotype: $\,^\circ$ (ZMBH), labels: 1st printed on white paper "Bushmanld Jackals Water Lightfoot"; 2nd handwritten with black ink on white paper "Rhinochaetula cinctiventris 1910 Friese det."; 3rd printed on red paper "Typus"; 4th printed on white paper "Coll. Friese"; 5th printed on red paper "Capicola cinctiventris Friese 1912 lectotype design Michez 2006"; 6th printed on white paper "Capicola flavitarsis det. Michez".

The synonymy is based on female of *C. cinctiventris* and male of *C. flavitarsis* collected at the same time $(4 \Im 7) \Im 7$ Namibia, Karasburg (28.02°S, 18.75°E), 22.x.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH). Moreover both present same structure of proboscides and propodeum (unsexual features).

Diagnosis (Figs 30–37). \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{J} . Integument mainly black. Head wider than long. Maxillary palpus longer than labial palpus, as long as galea. Outer surface of galea mat and sculptured. Clypeus about two and a half times as wide as long. Compound eyes converging a little ventrally. Mesoscutum and scutellum shiny and nearly hairless. Basal half of propodeal triangle punctulate to strigate/strigulate. Propodeum shiny. 9 (Fig. 30). L = 7.2 mm. Labrum, base of mandibles, apex of the clypeus, legs and basal part of metasoma mostly reddish. Clypeus shiny and densely punctate (i = d). Legs 1–3 with yellowish hairs. Spurs of Tb2 with 4–6 sharp outstanding spines. T1–T3 black and shiny. T1 with interrupted apical fringe. Prepygidial fimbria yellowish. Pp with a strong elevated median area; not tapering (Fig. 30); weakly concave medially. δ (Figs 31–37). L = 6.0 mm. Clypeus without medio-longitudinal groove. Clypeus and face covered with appressed white hairs. Eyes strongly prominent (Fig. 34). A5 as wide as long. A4–13 dorsally brown, ventrally orangish. Scutellum shiny with prominent, sparse punctures (i > 3d). Tb2–3 and tarsi 1–3 reddish. Tb3 apically weakly broadened (Fig. 31). S6 median part ended in short spiny processes (Fig. 32); medio-ventral process well developed (Fig. 32). S7 apex narrowed (Fig. 33). Apical area of S8 subtrianglar. Genitalia as illustrated in Figs 35–37.

Additional material examined (24 specimens). Namibia: 4♀/1♂, Karasburg (28.02°S, 18.75°E), 22.x.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 1&, Warmbad, Kaokoveld, 19.17°S, 13.82°E, ii.1925, Museum Expedition, SAMC. South Africa: 28, Touwsrivier (33.33°S, 20.03°E), 08.xi.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 1♂, Mesklip (29.83°S, 17.85°E), 21.x.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; Touwsrivier (33.33°S, 20.03°E), 08.xii.1996, Carpenter, AMNH; 29, Vanrhynsdorp (31.07°S, 18.55°E), 04.x.2003, Timmerman, UM; 29/23, Hester Malan Nature Reserve, 29.66°S, 17.98°E, 17.x.1987, M. Struck, SAMC; 1&, Moordenaars Karoo (32.82°S 21.5°E), x.1952, Swanepoel, SAMC; 23, Dikbome, Merweville Koup (32.67°S 21.51°E), x.1952, Museum Expedition, SAMC; 19, Bushmanland, Jackals Water (30.6°S, 21.15°E), x.1911, Lightfoot, SAMC; 1∂, Moordenaars Karoo (32°S, 21.31°E), x.1952, Swanepoel, SAMC.

Distribution (Fig. 94). Western regions of South Africa and Namibia.

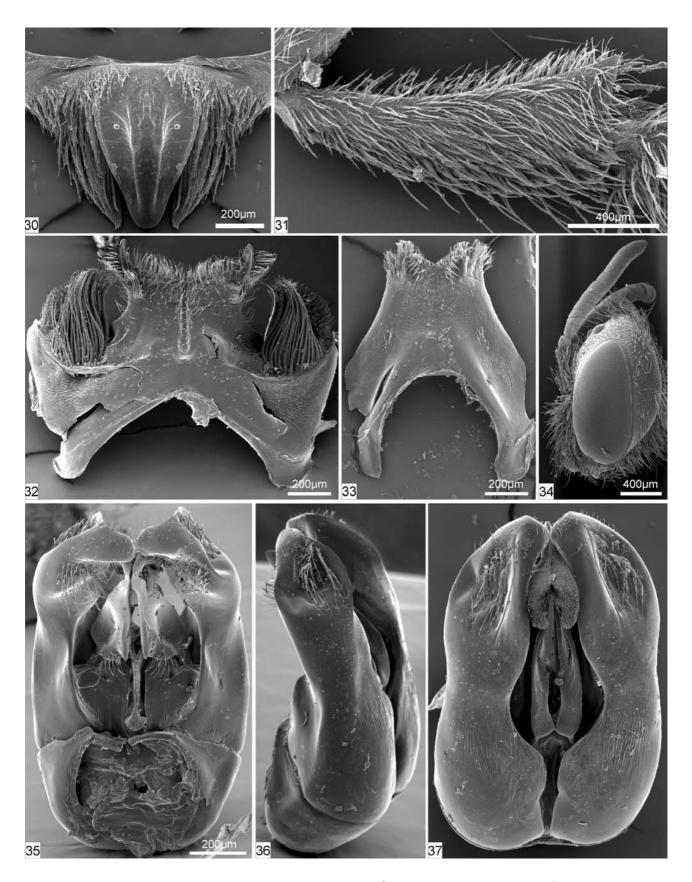
Host plant. Unknown.

First – **last observations**. 17.x – unspecified date in February.

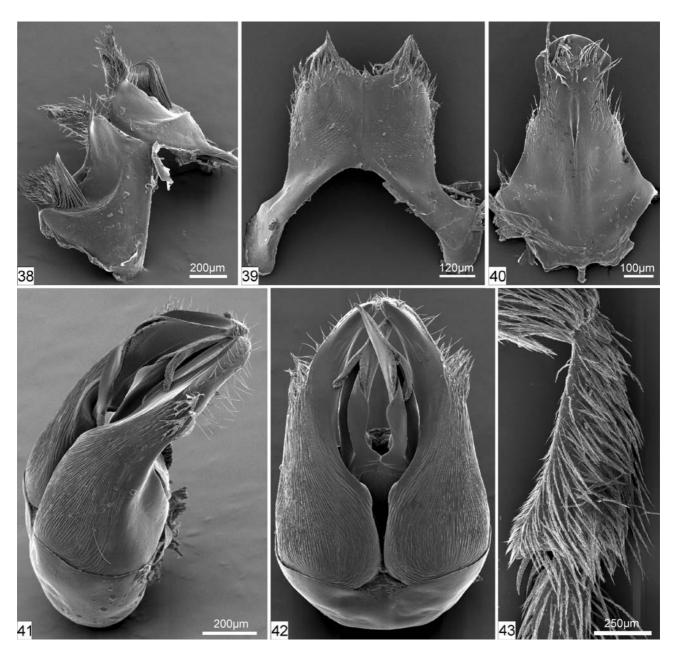
6. Capicola gessorum Eardley sp. n.

Diagnosis (Figs 38–43). ♀ and ♂. Head wider than long, vertex gently convex in frontal view. Labial palpus two-thirds as long as maxillary palpus, reaching to apex of glossa. Maxillary palpus a little longer than galea. Outer surface of galea smooth. Compound eyes slightly converging ventrally. Clypeus two and a half times as wide as long, with medio-longitudinal groove, densely punctate (i = d). $\$ L = 5.8 mm. Clypeus, mesoscutum and scutellum shiny (some specimens with short appressed hairs). Propodeal triangle mostly shiny. Propodeum shiny. Legs 1-3 with white or pale yellow hairs. Spurs of Tb2 with tiny spines. Scopa sparsely pubescent. Apical hair band on T1 interrupted medially to continuous. T1-T5 reddish. T2-T4 with brown spot on foveae. Prepygidial fimbria yellowish. Pp with a pair of median, subparallel carinae, proximal region in area between these carinae narrow and weakly depressed mediolongitudinally; tapering to apex. δ (Figs 38–43). L = 3.8 mm. Integument blackish, including antennae and legs. Eyes not prominent. Scutum and terga deeply punctate. Scutellum shiny, moderately punctate (i = d). Tb3 with inner apical tooth (Fig. 43). Disc of T2–4 with basal concavity. S6 with medio-apical curved blade (Fig. 38). S7 disc very large (Fig. 39). S8 with short column; apical plate flattened (Fig. 40). Genitalia as illustrated in Figs 41–43.

Description. 9. Head. L = 1.6 mm; W = 2.2 mm. Head wider than long. Integument mostly black. Mandibles base, and antennal flagellum orange. Clypeus, face, genal area and preoccipital ridge with white, erect hairs, vertex with yellowish appressed hairs. Face shiny. Labial palpus



Figs 30–37. Capicola flavitarsis. 30 – dorsal view of pygidial plate \mathfrak{P} ; 31 – outer view of hind tibia \mathfrak{F} ; 32 – ventral view of sternum \mathfrak{F} ; 34 – lateral view of head \mathfrak{F} ; 35 – ventral view of genitalia \mathfrak{F} ; 36 – lateral view of genitalia \mathfrak{F} (scale as in Fig. 35); 37 – dorsal view of genitalia \mathfrak{F} (scale as in Fig. 35).



Figs 38–43. Capicola gessorum sp. n., 3. 38 – lateral view of sternum 6; 39 – ventral view of sternum 7; 40 – ventral view of sternum 8; 41 – lateral view of genitalia; 42 – dorsal view of genitalia (scale as in Fig. 41); 43 – outer surface of hind tibia.

two-thirds as long as maxillary palpus, reaching beyond apex of glossa. Maxillary palpus a little longer than galea. Galea shiny. Malar area shorter than A2. Face and vertex densely, and distinctly punctate. Clypeus two and a half times as wide as long; with few deep punctures, with slight mediolongitudinal groove. Compound eyes converging slightly ventrally. Antennal flagellum orange. Mesosoma. L = 1.1 mm. W = 1.6 mm. Integument black. Mesoscutum and scutellum shiny, with some short appressed hairs, densely but weakly punctate (i < d). Mesepisterna and metanotum with long, erect, white hairs. Propodeal triangle hairless, mostly glabrous. Propodeum shiny between dense punctures. Legs. Integument of leg 1, F2, Tb2 and F3 reddish-black; tarsi 2–3 and Tb3 yellowish. Hairs mostly pale yellowish, scopa sparse. Spurs of Tb2 with about ten tiny spines. Tb3 and Bt3 with

red spots at the hair base. Wings. Surface transparent. Two submarginal cells, the first longer than the second. Basal vein slightly curved. Metasoma. L = 3.5 mm. W = 1.0 mm. Terga and sterna reddish. Discs of terga shiny, with weak punctures. T1 apical hair band continuous. T2-T4 with white continous apical hair bands. T2-T4 with brown spot on lateral margin. Prepygidial fimbria vellowish. Sterna shiny. Sterna and terga with straight premarginal line. Pp with broad pair of median, subparallel carinae, area between these carinae with narrow, weak depression basally; tapering to apex; base reddish; apex red. δ . Head. L = 1.4 mm. W = 2.0 mm. Head wider than long. Integument black, reddish-black in places. Face, genal area and preoccipital ridge with white hairs. Vertex shiny, with fine, dense punctation. Maxillary palpus less than two-thirds as long as labial palpus, the

latter reaching end of glossa. Maxillary palpus as long as galea, which is a little longer than labial palpus. Galea shiny. Labrum not swollen. Malar area shorter than A2. Clypeus two and a half times as wide as long, densely punctate (i < d), with a mediolongitudinal groove. Compound eyes ventrally converging. Face and vertex with small, shallow puncture. A3 longer than A4. Mesosoma. L = 1.6 mm. W = 1.1 mm. Integument of scutum, scutellum, propodeum, fore and middle legs black. Vestiture generally long and white. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum and propodeum with small, shallow, fairly sparse punctures (i < d). Anterior part of propodeal triangle shiny, with a little rugose sculpture, posterior part glabrous. Legs. Sculpture reticulate. Vestiture white, except ventral surfaces of tarsi very pale yellow. Tb3 with apical tooth. Wings. Transparent. Two submarginal cells; first longer than second. Basal vein slightly curved. Metasoma. L = 2.4 mm. W = 1.2 mm. Integument T1–T4 and S1-S4 black. T1-T4 with white, medially interrupted, apical fringes. Terga densely and deeply punctate. S6 with medio-apical curved blade (Fig. 38). S7 disc very large (Fig. 39). S8 with short column (Fig. 40); apical plate flattened. Genitalia as illustrated in Figs 41-43.

Type material (16 specimens). Holotype ♂, 3 paratypes ♀, 12 paratypes ♂. South Africa: male holotype, 2♀/10♂, Voëlklip (Namaqualand), 29.45°S, 17.22°E, 2.–7.x.1994, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Campanulaceae (pinkish violet), AMGS; 1♀/2♂, idem, on *Whalenbergia* cf. *annularis*; 1♀, idem, 28.ix.1997, on *Lightfootia namaquana*.

Etymology. Named after Sarah and Fred Gess who collected the type material.

Distribution (Fig. 94). Only known from the locus typicus, Voëlklip (South Africa, Namaqualand).

Host plant (13 specimens). Campanulaceae, pinkish violet $(2 \frac{9}{1} \delta)$, Wahlenbergia sp. (9 δ) and Lightfootia namaquana

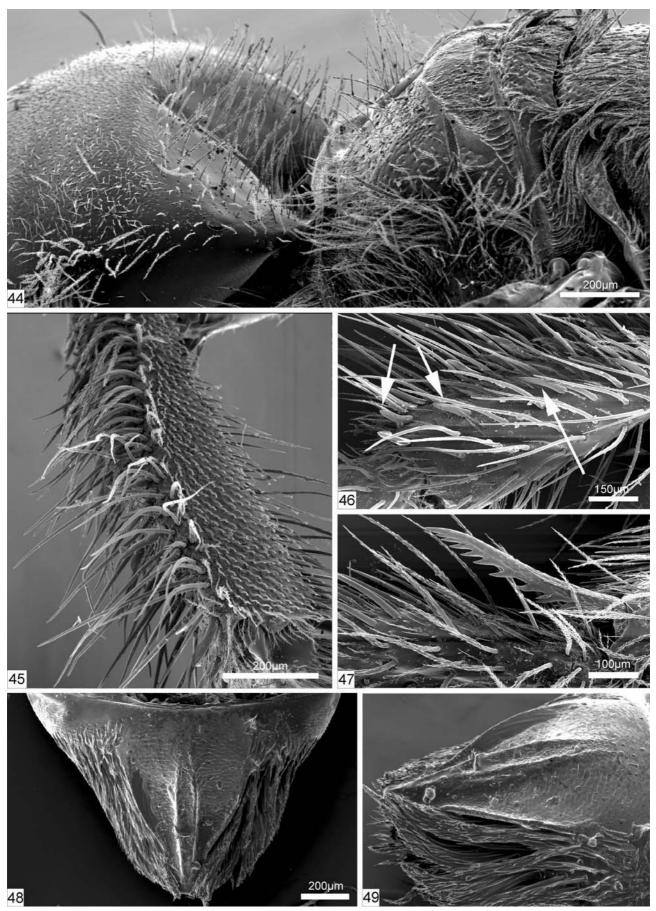
First – last observations. 28.ix.–07.x.

7. Capicola micheneri Michez sp. n.

Diagnosis (Figs 44–57). \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{F} . Head wider than long. Maxillary palpus longer than galea. Outer surface of galea sculptured and mat. Clypeus three times as wide as long, without median groove. Compound eyes slightly converging ventrally. Propodeal triangle rugose, with horizontal basal area (Fig. 44). $\cite{1}$ (Figs 45–51). L = 5.8 mm. Metasoma mostly reddish. Spurs of Tb2 with 6-8 sharp outstanding spines (Fig. 47). Outer face of Tb3 with few large, blunt, spine-like hairs (Fig. 46). T2-T4 with black lateral spots. Prepygidial fimbria brown. Pp with a strong median carina (Figs 48–49). & (Figs 52–57). L = 4.5 mm. Body mainly black. Antennae ventrally yellowish, dorsally brown. A5 as wide as long. Scutum shiny and densely punctate (i = d). Tb3 not expanded. Terga with continous apical fringes. S6 with large medio-apical teeth nearly as long as length of disc (Fig. 52), without medio-longitudinal groove. S7 with apical lobes diverging (Fig. 53). S8 with large median carina (Fig. 54); column curved. Genitalia as illustrated in Figs

Description $\c 9$. Head. L = 1.5 mm. W = 2.1 mm. Head wider than long; mainly black. Mandible base reddish;

apex red. Labrum and apex of clypeus reddish. Scape black. Flagellum ventrally reddish or yellow, dorsally brownish. Clypeus, face and genal area with white, erect hairs. Vertex shiny. Labial palpus as long as glossa; shorter than maxillary palpus. Maxillary palpus longer than galea. Outer surface of galea scluptured and mat. Malar area shorter than A2. Clypeus glabrous; three times as wide as long; with few deep punctures (i > 3d), denser at base. Compound eyes slightly converging below. Flagellum twice as long as scape. Mesosoma. L = 1.8 mm. W = 1.5 mm. Integument black. Mesoscutum, scutellum and mesepisterna with a few short whitish hairs. Metanotum covered with short, whitish hairs. Mesoscutum, scutellum and metanotum shiny, with dense, weak punctures, more than a puncture width apart. Propodeal triangle hairless, mat and rugose; with horizontal basal area (Fig. 44). Legs. Tarsi 1-3 and Tb2-3 reddish. F1-3 and T1 brownish. Spurs of Tb2 with 8-10 sharp outstanding spines (Fig. 47). Legs 1 and 3 with sparse white hairs. Leg 2 covered with appressed white hairs. Inner surface of Tb3 with keirotrichia (Fig. 45). Outer face of Tb3 with few large, blunt, spine-like hairs (Fig. 46). Wings. Surface hyaline. Two submarginal cells, first longer than second. Basal vein slightly curved. Metasoma. L = 3.3 mm. W = 1.5 mm. Metasoma mainly reddish. T2-T4 with black lateral spots. Pp reddish at base, red at apex. Disc of terga and sterna shiny. T1 with reduced white apical fringe. T2-T4 with white apical fringe. Prepygidial fimbria brown. Terga and sterna with weak punctures. Terga and S4-S5 with straight apical margin. S2-S3 with emarginated apex. Pp with median area strongly elevated (Figs 48–49). δ . Head. L = 1.2 mm. W = 1.8 mm. Head wider than long; mainly black. Mandible with base reddish, apex red. Labrum reddish. Flagellum ventrally yellowish, dorsally brown. Clypeus, face and genal area covered with white, appressed hairs. Vertex glabrous. Labial palpus as long as glossa; shorter than maxillary palpus. Maxillary palpus longer than galea. Outer surface of galea sculptured and mat. Malar area shorter than A2. Clypeus shiny; three times as wide as long; with deep punctures, denser at base. Compound eyes slightly converging. Flagellum three times as long as scape. Mesosoma. L = 1.5 mm. W = 1.2 mm. Integument black. Mesoscutum, scutellum and mesepisterna with short whitish hairs. Metanotum covered with short whitish hairs. Mesoscutum, scutellum and metanotum shiny, with dense weak punctures (i = d). Propodeal triangle hairless, mat and rugose. Legs. Integument mainly black to brown; with few long, white, erect hairs. Mediotarsi 1-3 and hind tarsi 1-3 reddish. Tb3 untoothed; with keirotrichia on inner face. Wings. Surface transparent. Two submarginal cells, the first longer than the second. Basal vein slightly curved. Metasoma. L = 2.4 mm. W = 1.5 mm. Terga and sterna black. Disc of terga glabrous. T1-T6 with long white, apical fringes. Disc of sterna glabrous. Sterna with few apical hairs. Terga and sterna with weak punctures. Terga and S1-S5 with straight apex. S6 with medio-apical teeth as long as length of disc (Fig. 52). S7 with apical lobes diverging, with disc



Figs 44–49. *Capicola micheneri*, 9.44 – lateral view of propodeum; 45 – inner surface of Tb3; 46 – outer surface of scopa, showing large, blunt, spine-like hairs (arrows); 47 – Spur of Tb2. 48 – dorsal view of pygidial plate; 49 – lateral view of pygidial plate (scale as in Fig. 48).

reduced (Fig. 53). S8 with large median carina (Fig. 54); column curved. Genitalia as illustrated in Figs 55–57.

Type material (29 specimens). Holotype &; 8 paratypes &; 20 paratypes ♀; Namibia, Usakos (22°S, 15.6°E); Original labelling: South Africa: 46 km W. Usakos March 21, 1976, J.G. & B.L. J.G. Rozen, collected on *Indigofera* sp.; type depository: AMNH.

Additional material examined (46 specimens). Namibia: 39, 29 km ESE Seeis (22.45°S, 17.58°E), 16.ii.1976, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 19, 9 km ESE Seeis, 12.iii.1976, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 1♂, 20 km ESE Seeis, 13.iii.1976, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 19, 22 km ESE Seeis, 15.iii.1976, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 29, Kuiseb River, 50 km SE Rooibank (23.18°S, 14.65°E), 20.iii.1976, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 7♀/7♂, 78 km E Swakopmund (22.68°S, 14.53°E), 21.iii.1976, J.G. Rozen, on *Indigofera* sp., AMNH; 6♀, Uis/Henties Bay, 21.27°S, 14.45°E, 17.iv.2002, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on pink *Indigofera* sp., AMGS; 19, idem, SANC; 99, Swakopmund/Usakos, Near Rossing Mountain, 22.34°S, 14.49°E, 15.-28.iv.2002, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on pink Indigofera sp., AMGS; 19, idem, SANC; 29, SE Bullsport, 4 km from C14 on D854, 24.11°S, 16.24°E, 11.iii.2000, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on white *Limeum sulcatum*, AMGS; 29/16, 2 km from C17 on R511 road to Mata Mata, 25.37°S, 19.25°E, 7.iii.2000, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on semi-prostrate *Indigofera* sp., AMGS; 19, C17 Koes/Gochas, 25.39°S, 19.24°E, 7.iii.2000, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Indigofera sp., AMGS; 19, Klein-Aus Vista (26.65°S, 16.25°E), 2.iii.2000, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS.

Etymology. Named after Prof. C.D. Michener who is an early reviewer of Melittidae.

Distribution (Fig. 95). Widespread through the central, summer rainfall areas of Namibia. This species' close relative, *C. aliciae*, is only known from the winter rainfall areas of Namibia and from winter and su mmer rainfall areas in South Africa.

Host plant (66 specimens). Fabaceae, *Indigofera* sp. $(479/17\delta)$; Molluginaceae, *Limeum sulcatum* (29).

First – last observations. 12.ii.–28.iv.

8. Capicola nanula Cockerell, 1936

Capicola nanula Cockerell, 1936b: 482, &.
Capicola (Capicola) nanula (Cockerell): Michener, 1981: 81, 83.

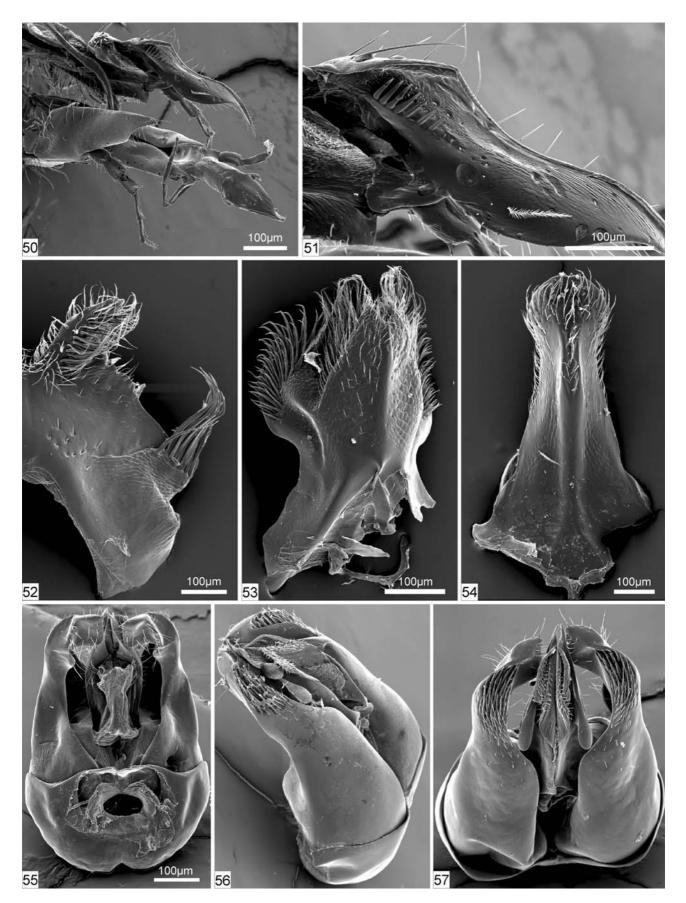
Type material. Holotype ♂, South Africa, Beaufort West (32.35°S, 22.58°E), NHMN. Original designation: "Beaufort West, Cape Province". Cockerell (1936b) described the male of *C. nanula*. We present here the first description of the female. The described females are associated to three samples with males: 12♀/16♂, S.W. Africa, Okahandja (21.98°S, 16.92°E), 3.–9.ii.1928, Turner, det. Cockerell, NHMN; 1♀/4♂, South Africa, Cape Province, 16 km S. of Vioolsdrif (28.77°S, 17.65°E), 2.xii.1974, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 6♀/9♂, South Africa, Cape Province, 16 km S. of Vioolsdrif, 29.xi.1974, on *Trianthema cristallina* (Aizoaceae), J.G. Rozen, AMNH. The described specimens match well with Cockerell's description of males, thus their description as the unknown sex of *C. nanula*.

Diagnosis (Figs 58–63). $\mathfrak P$ and $\mathfrak F$. Head wider than long. Vertex flat in frontal view. Labial palpus three-fourths as long as maxillary palpus, reaching beyond apex of glossa. Maxillary palpus twice as long as galea. Outer surface of galea sculptured and mat. Compound eyes slightly converging ventrally. Clypeus slightly more than three times as wide as long, with few punctures ($\mathfrak p$ > 3d). Propodeal triangle rugose, with horizontal basal area.

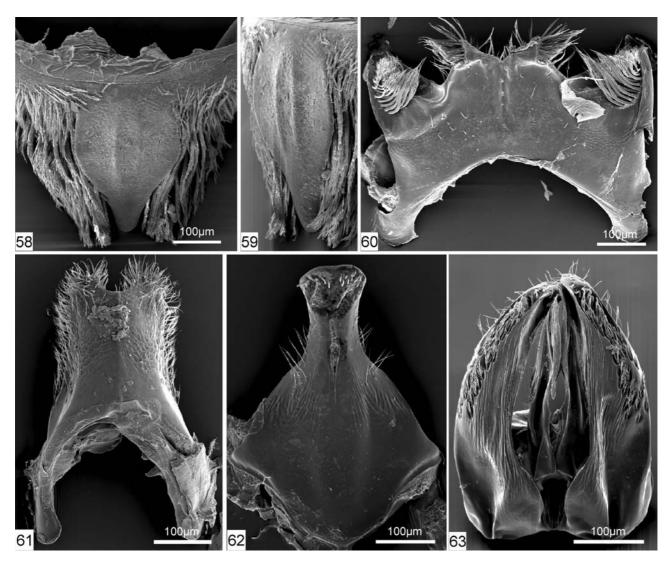
Propodeum mat, with horizontal basal area. 9 (Figs 58-59). L = 5.8 mm. Clypeus, mesoscutum and scutellum shiny (some specimens with short appressed hairs). Legs 1–3 with white to pale yellow hairs. Spurs of Tb2 without large spine. Scopa sparsely pubescent. Apical hair band on T1 medially interrupted to continuous. T1–T5 reddish. T2-T4 with brown spot on foveae. Prepygidial fimbria yellowish. Pp with median subparallel carinae, proximal region of carinae narrow and weakly depressed (Figs 58–59). δ (Figs 60–63). L = 3.8 mm. Integument mostly black. Eyes not prominent. A4-10 yellow, A11-13 dark. Scutellum shiny, sparsely punctate. F1-3 black. Tb1-3 and Bt1-3 yellow. Tb3 not broadened, untoothed. S6 median part ended in short spiny processes (Fig. 60). S7 long, median width narrower than apical one (Fig. 61). Apical plate of S8 sub-triangular. S8 and genitalia as illustrated in Figs 62–63.

Description. \circ Head. L = 1.3 mm; W = 2.2 mm. Head wider than long. Integument mostly black. Mandibles base, labrum and clypeus yellow to reddish. Clypeus, face, genal area, vertex and preoccipital ridge with yellow or orange appressed hairs. Face shiny. Labial palpus three-fourths as long as maxillary palpus, reaching beyond apex of glossa. Maxillary palpus twice as long as galea. Outer surface of galea sculptured. Malar area shorter than A2. Face and vertex densely, but weakly punctate. Clypeus three times as wide as long; with few deep punctures and a medio-longitudinal groove. Compound eyes converging ventrally. Antennae ventrally reddish, dorsally brownish to entirely yellow. Mesosoma. L = 1.5 mm. W = 1.1 mm. Integument black. Mesoscutum and scutellum shiny (some specimens with short appressed hairs), densely but weakly punctate, punctures more than width puncture apart. Mesepisterna and metanotum with long, erect, yellowish hairs. Propodeal triangle hairless, entirely rugose, with basal area horizontal. Propodeum mat. Legs. Integument yellow to reddish. Fore legs with yellowish hairs. Inner surface of mid legs with yellow hairs. Outer side of mid legs with long white appressed hairs. Hind legs with yellowish hairs, scopa sparse. Spurs of Tb2 with about six small spines. Tb3 and Bt3 with red spots at the hair base. Wings. Surface transparent. Two submarginal cells, the first longer than the second. Basal vein slightly curved. Metasoma. L = 2.7mm. W = 1.4 mm. Terga and sterna reddish. Discs of terga shiny, with weak punctures. T1 apical hair band interrupted medially to continuous. T2-T4 with white continuous apical hair bands. T2-T4 with brown spot on lateral margin. Prepygidial fimbria yellowish. Sterna shiny. Sterna and terga with straight premarginal line. Pp with median subparallel carinae, proximal region of carinae narrow and weakly depressed (Figs 58-59); base reddish; apex red.

Additional material examined (94 specimens). Namibia: $12\,^\circ/16\,^\circ$, Okahandja (21.98°S, 16.92°E), 10.-16.ii.1928, Turner, BMNH; $4\,^\circ/9\,^\circ$, Rooibank (23°11'S, 14°39'E), 20.iii.1976, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; $1\,^\circ$, Warmbad, Kaokoveld, 19.17°S, 13.82°E, ii.1925, Museum Expedition, SAMC. South Africa: $1\,^\circ/4\,^\circ$, Vioolsdrif (28.77°S, 17.5°E), 02.xii.1974, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; $6\,^\circ/9\,^\circ$, idem, 29.xi.1974, on *Trianthema*



Figs 50–57. Capicola micheneri sp. n. 50 – mouthpart \mathfrak{P} ; 51 – inner surface of galea \mathfrak{P} ; 52 – ventral view of sternum $6\mathfrak{F}$; 53 – lateral view of sternum $7\mathfrak{F}$; 54 – ventral view of sternum $8\mathfrak{F}$; 55 – ventral view of genitalia \mathfrak{F} ; 56 – lateral view of genitalia \mathfrak{F} (scale as in Fig. 55).



Figs 58–63. Capicola nanula. 58 – dorsal view of pygidial plate \mathfrak{P} ; 59 – lateral view of pygidial plate (scale as in Fig. 58); 60 – ventral view of sternum 6 \mathfrak{F} ; 61 – ventral view of sternum 8 \mathfrak{F} ; 62 – ventral view of sternum 8; 63 – dorsal view of genitalia.

cristallina; 2\$\delta\$, Prince Albert Road (32°59'S, 21°41'E), 09.xii.1996, Carpenter, AMNH; 2\$\forall /4\$\delta\$, Ceres-Karoo (32°45'S, 19°50'E), 07.xii.1996, Carpenter, AMNH; 2\$\operator /2\$\delta\$, Vanhynsdorp (31°08'S, 18°56'E), 25.ix.1997, Kuhlmann, UM; 2\$\operator , idem, 04.x.2003, Timmerman, UM; 4\$\operator , 60 km Loriesfontein Kliprand (30.6°S, 18.7°E), 31.x.1999, M. Halada, OOLL; 1\$\operator /1\$\delta\$, Hester Malan Nature Reserve, 29.66°N, 17.98°E, 24.ix.1986, M. Struck, SAMC; 6\$\operator , Leliefontein, Paulshoek, 30.33°S, 18.26°E, 28.-30.ix.1997, C. Seymour, SAMC; 5\$\operator , Goegap Nature Reserve (Namaqualand), Kraaiwater, 29.38°S, 18°E, 29.-30.ix.1997, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Galenia sarcophylla, AMGS; 1\$\operator , Anenous, 29.14°S, 17.34°E, D.W. Gess, on Wahlenbergia sp., AMGS.

Distribution (Fig. 98). This species is only known from southern Namibia and the western region of South Africa..

Host plant (21 specimens). Aizoaceae, *Trianthema cristal-lina* (69/93), *Galenia sarcophylla* (59); Campanulaceae, *Wahlenbergia* sp. (19).

First – last observations. 24.ix.–16.ii.

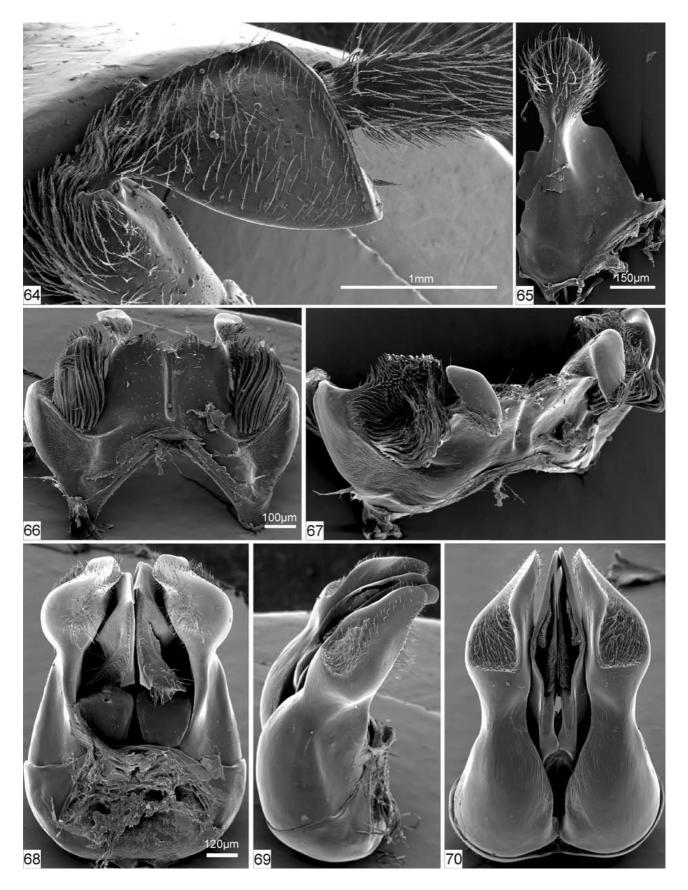
9. Capicola nigerrima Cockerell, 1932

Capicola nigerrima Cockerell, 1932a: 456, ♀.

Hesperapis (Capicola) nigerrima (Cockerell): Eardley & Urban, 2006: 164.

Type material. Holotype \mathfrak{P} , South Africa, Nieuwoudtville (31.38°S, 19.1°E), NHMN. Original designation: "Nieuwoudtville, Cape Province". Cockerell (1932a) described only the female of *C. nigerrima*. We here give the first description for the male based on several pairs of specimens (see material examined below). These pairs females/males are morphologically very similar (cf. diagnosis) to the Cockerell species, which lead us to describe the unknown sex of *C. nigerrima*.

Diagnosis (Figs 1–4, 64–70). $\ \$ and $\ \$ Integument black or brownish. Labial palpus shorter than glossa and maxillary palpus. Maxillary palpus as long as galea. Outer surface of galea smooth. Clypeus with a mediolongitudinal groove, two and a half times as wide as long. Clypeus, scutum, scutellum and disc of terga with deep, dense punctures (i < d). Propodeal triangle very short, with declivous basal area. $\ \$ (habitus as in Figs 1–2). L = 8.9 mm. Legs with white or pale yellow hairs. Spurs of Tb2 with 8–10 sharp outstanding spines. T1–T5 with white continous apical fringe. Prepygidial fimbria black



Figs 64–70. *Capicola nigerrima*, & .64 – outer surface of hind tibia; 65 – ventral view of sternum 8; 66 – ventral view of sternum 6; 67 – posterior view of sternum 6 (scale as in Fig. 66); 68 – ventral view of genitalia; 69 – lateral view of genitalia (scale as in Fig. 68); 70 – dorsal view of genitalia (scale as in Fig. 68).

to brownish. Pp with a strong elevated median area. ♂ (habitus as in Figs 3–4; 64–70). L = 8.1 mm. Head wider than long. Inner margin of eyes converging ventrally. A4–13 brown. A5 longer than wide. Mesoscutum and scutellum shiny, with deep punctures. Tb3 strongly enlarged apically (Figs 4, 64). Disc of T2–4 deeply punctate, with basal concavity. Medio-apical processes of S6 curved and swollen (Figs 66–67). S7 disc very large. S8 apex spatulate (Fig. 65). Genitalia as illustrated in Figs 68–70.

Description. δ . Head. L = 2.7 mm. W = 3.3 mm. Head wider than long. Integument black. Mandible reddish with black apex. Clypeus, face, genal area and preoccipital ridge with white, erect hairs. Vertex nearly hairless. Labial palpus shorter than glossa and maxillary palpus. Maxillary palpus as long as galea. Outer surface of galea smooth. Labrum swollen. Malar area shorter than A2. Clypeus trapezoidal, with dense and deep punctures (i < d), with a medio-longitudinal groove. Compound eyes converging ventrally. Face and vertex deeply punctate. Antennae brown. A3 longer than A4. Mesosoma. L = 3.0mm. W = 3.0 mm. Integument black. Mesoscutum and scutellum with short, erect, brownish hairs on median area, and white, long, erect hairs on margins. Mesepisterna, metanotum and lateral part of propodeum with long, white, erect hairs. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum and propodeum with deep and dense punctures (i < d). Anterior part of propodeal triangle declivous, transversally carinate. Legs. Integument brown. F1-3 nearly hairless. External face of Tb1-3 and tarsi 1-2 with white, erect hairs. External face of tarsus 3 with erect, brownish hairs. Inner side of tarsi 1-3 with long appressed yellow hairs. Inner side of Tb3 with keirotrichia. Apex of Tb3 strongly expanded (Fig. 64). Wings. Surface brown. Two submarginal cells; first longer than second. Basal vein slightly curved. Metasoma. L = 4.2mm. W = 3.3 mm. Integument black. T1-T4 with white apical hair bands. S1-S5 nearly hairless. Disc of terga with deep, dense punctures (i < d). Disc of sterna with dense, weak punctures. Apex of S1-S4 slightly emarginated. Apex of S5 notched. S6 with medio-apical process swollen; with a ventral process (Figs 66-67). S7 with very large body. S8 apex flattened (Fig. 65). Genitalia as illustrated in Figs 68-70.

Additional material examined (107 specimens). South Africa: 78, Velddrif (32.78°S, 18.16°E), 15.x.1972, J.G. Rozen, R. McGinley & C. Thompson, AMNH; 48, 28 km E. of Velddrif (32.78°S, 18.16°E), 23.x.1972, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 1♂, Citrusdal (32.6°S, 19.02°E), 02.ix.1966, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 22 \(\frac{1}{43} \, \delta \), 11 km W Clanwilliam, 32.09°S, 18.45°E, 2.-8.x.1990, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia annularis, AMGS; 29, 5 km W Clanwilliam (32.18°S, 18.9°E), Graafwater road, 5.-6.x.1988, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 2♀, Die Berg, 32.10°S, 18.43°E, 4.x.1990, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia annularis, AMGS; 29, 10 km West Clanwilliam, Graafwater road, 32.10°S, 18.49°E, 4.x.1990, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia annularis, AMGS; 19, Raterfontein/ Olaf Bergfontein, 32.02°S, 18.35°E, 8.x.1995, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia annularis, AMGS; 19/1∂, 23 km from Citrusdal (32.6°S, 19.02°E), on old road, 12.–13.x.1990, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia annularis, AMGS; 19/18, between Nieuwoudtville and top of Vanrhyn's Pass (31.38°S, 19.02°E), 29.–30.ix.1990, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on *Wahlenbergia annularis*, AMGS; 5\$, Citrusdal (32.6°S, 19.02°E), 16.x.1990, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on *Wahlenbergia annularis*, AMGS; 9\$, 5 km West Clanwilliam (32.1°S, 18.49°E), on Graafwater road, 12.x.1987, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 1\$, 14 km N. of Clanwilliam, 32.08°S, 18.75°E, 14.x.1981, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 1\$/1\$, Olywenboschkraal, 32.22°S, 18.82°E, 15.x.–9.xi.2001, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 2\$, Paleisheuwel Station, 32.46°S, 18.72°E, 1.xi.2001, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC.

Distribution (Fig. 99). This species is only known from the middle of the winter rainfall belt of the western Cape region of South Africa.

Host plant (77 specimens). Campanulaceae, *Wahlenbergia annularis* ($32 \ 9/45 \ \delta$).

First – last observations. 02.ix.–23.x.

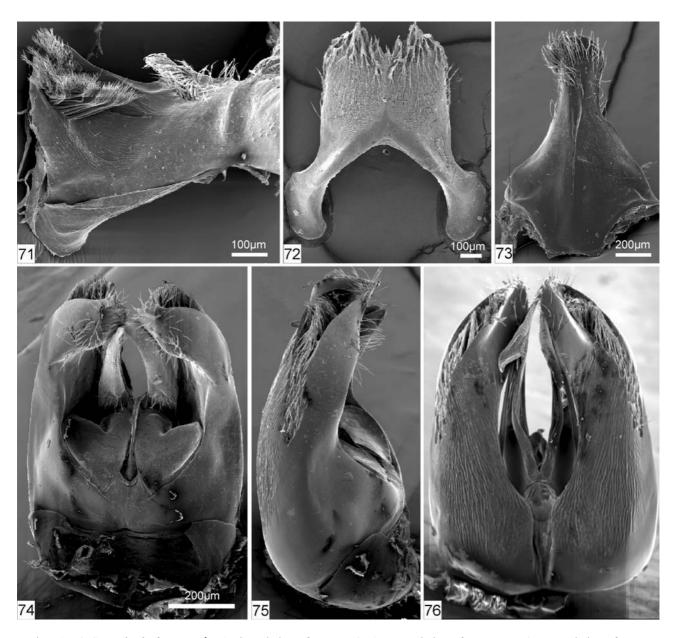
10. Capicola rhodostoma Cockerell, 1932

Capicola rhodostoma Cockerell, 1932b: 175, \$\mathbb{Q}\$. Hesperapis (Capicola) rhodostoma (Cockerell): Eardley & Urban, 2006: 164.

Type material. Holotype ♀, South Africa, Foot of Van Rhyn's Pass (?), NHMN. Original designation: "Foot of Van Rhyn's Pass, Cape Province". Cockerell (1932b) described only the female of *C. rhodostoma*. We present here the first description for the male, based on two series of specimens from South Africa, Northern Cape Province Hester Malan Nature Reserve (29.66°S, 17.98°E) 9.xi.1986 and 7.–27.x.1987, M. Struck, SAMC and Numees, Richtersveld, 4.x.–26.xi.1986, M. Struck, SAMC.

Diagnosis (Figs 71–76). \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{F} . Head as wide as long. Labial palpus longer than glossa, as long as maxillary palpus and galea. Outer surface of galea sculptured and mat. Clypeus glabrous, about twice as wide as long, without medio-longitudinal groove. Mesoscutum finely punctate. Propodeal triangle finely rugose, shiny behind; remainder of propodeum shiny. $Q \cdot L = 8.4$ mm. Integument of lower part of head, head appendages and legs reddish, upper part of head, mesosoma and metasoma black; Compound eyes parallel. Mesoscutum and scutellum with short, appressed, white hairs. T1-T3 black and mat. T1 with continuous white apical fringes, as wide as apical fringes on T2-T4. Spurs of Tb2 with 4-6 large, outstanding spines. Prepygidial fimbria white to very pale brown. Pp with a pair of median, subparallel carinae, areas between and lateral to carinae concave (cf. Figs 9–10). δ (Figs 71–76). L = 6.5 mm. Integument of clypeus, labrum, mandible and antenna reddish to vellow, mesosomal dorsum, dorso-lateral region of propodeum, all legs and T1 reddish-orange. Remainder of integument black or reddish-black. Clypeus, scutum and scutellum shiny, weakly and densely punctate (i = d). A5 as wide as long. Legs not modified. S6 with short, narrow medioapical spiny processes (Fig. 71). Apex of S7 weakly concave, with small lobes (Fig. 72). S8 with apical plate sub-triangular. S8 and genitalia as illustrated in Figs 73-76.

Description. δ . Head. L = 2.1 mm. W = 2.3 mm. Integument of clypeus, labrum, mandible and antenna reddish to yellowish. Remainder of integument black or reddish-black. Head entirely covered with appressed, white hairs. Labrum swollen. Malar area shorter than A2.



Figs 71–76. Capicola rhodostoma, 3. 71 – lateral view of sternum 6; 72 – ventral view of sternum 7; 73 – ventral view of sternum 8; 74 – ventral view of genitalia; 75 – lateral view of genitalia (scale as in Fig. 74); 76 – dorsal view of genitalia (scale as in Fig. 74).

Clypeus trapezoidal, sparsely covered with appressed, white hairs. Eyes inner margins slightly converging ventrally. Face and vertex with fine, dense, shallow punctures (i = d). Antennae with scape yellowish-black, flagellum yellow. A3 longer than A4. A5 as wide as long. Mesosoma. L = 2.1 mm. W = 1.6 mm. Integument of pronotum, scutum, scutellum, metanotum, tegula, axilla and dorsolateral region of propodeum reddish-orange, remainder of mesosoma black. Vestiture pallid, short and appressed on scutum, and long and erect on sides and propodeum length. Propodeal triangle mat anteriorly, glabrous posteriorly. Legs. Integument reddish-black to orange. Mostly with short, brownish, appressed hairs. Legs unmodified. Metasoma. L = 3.5 mm. W = 2.3 mm. Integument of T1 orange, T2-T7 blackish. Vestiture fine and coloured as integument, and terga and sterna finely punctate. S6 with short, narrow medio-apical spiny processes (Fig. 71). Apex of S7 weakly concave, with small lobes (Fig. 72). S8 with apical plate sub-triangular. S8 and genitalia as illustrated in Figs 73–76.

Additional material examined (109 specimens). Namibia: 4 \, Churutabis (Bethanie) (27.43°S, 17.47°E), 4.–12.x.1974, NMWN; 2\, Barby (Bethanie) (25.85°S, 16.55°E), NMWN; 9\, Gaiaus (Karasberg) (27.33°S, 18.75°E), 13.–17.x.1974, NMWN; 1\, Aus (26.67°S, 16.27°E), xii.1929, R.E. Turner, AMGS; 1\, \delta\$, 17 km North of Grillenthal, 26.82°S, 15.38°E, 29.ix.1982, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC. South Africa: 5\, Garies (30.92°S, 17.97°E), 21.x.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 4\/\(\text{\nabla}/\text{\delta}\), Orange River, Vioolsdrif (Namaqualand) (28.77°S, 17.65°E), 9.x.1988, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 6\/\(\text{\nabla}/\text{\delta}\), Richtersveld, Koeroegabvlakte, 28.11°S, 17.03°E, 17.—24.ix.1995, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 2\,\(\text{\nabla}\), 15 km North Nieuwoudtville (31.38°S, 19.1°E), on road to Loeriesfontein, 27.ix.1990, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on *Mesembryanthemum* sp.,

AMGS; 79/78, between Annis and Dabie River, 28.20°S, 16.55°E, 19.–20.ix.1997, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 1♀, Richtersveld, 9 km ESE Kuboes (28.47°S, 17.43°E), 25.ix.1995, F.W. & S.K. Gess, AMGS; 19, Namaqualand, 66 km from Vioolsdrif on Eksteenfontein road, 28.50°S, 17.16°E, 6.x.1994, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on white flowers Mesembryanthemum sp., AMGS; 19, Oudtshoorn, Frischgewaagd, 33.39°S, 22.13°E, 7.–8.xii.1986, S.K. Gess, AMGS; 2♂, Namaqualand, Voëlklip, 29.45°S, 17.22°E, 2.-7.x.1994, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on Wahlenbergia cf. annularis, AMGS; 49/68, Hester Malan Nature Reserve, 29.66°S, 17.98°E, 9.xi.1986, 7.x.1987, 27.x.1987, M. Struck, SAMC; 19, between Kamieskroon and Springbok, 29.88°S, 17.52°E, x.1939, Museum Staff, SAMC; 3♀, Koup Siding (33.12°S, 21.26°E), x.1952, Museum Expedition, SAMC; 89, Vioolsdrift, Orange River (28.15°S, 17.4°E), 6.x.1966, SAMC; 5\, Vioolsdrift, (28.15\, \text{S}, 17.4\, \text{E}), 12.ix.1983, V.B. Whitehead, on Mesembryanthemum sp., SAMC; 109/3&, Annisfontein, Richtersveld, 28.41°S, 16.88°E, 23.xi.-23.xii.1975, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 29, Richtersveld, Bloeddrif (28.35°S, 16.83°E), 20.xi.1975, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 19, Witputs noord, (31.28°S, 19.40°E), 15.xi.1975, Whitehead, on *Hydrodes* sp., SAMC; 1♀/2♂, Numees, Richtersveld (28.28°S, 16.96°E), 4.x.–26.xi.1986, M. Struck, SAMC.

Distribution (Fig. 99). Widespread in southern Namibia and the western region of South Africa, mostly in the winter rainfall areas.

Host plant (11 specimens). Aizoaceae, *Mesembryanthemum* sp. (8 $\$); Campanulaceae, *Wahlenbergia* cf. *annularis* (2 $\$), *Hydrodes* sp. (1 $\$).

First – last observations. 17.ix.–8.xii.

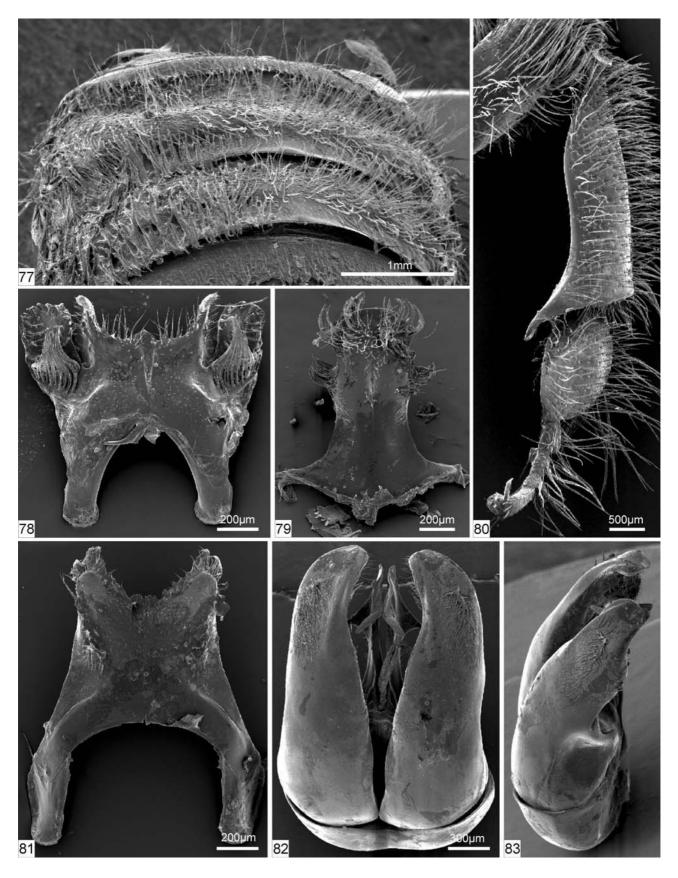
11. Capicola richtersveldensis Patiny & Michez sp. n.

Diagnosis (Figs 77–83). ♀ and ♂. Integument mostly black, dark brownish on sterna and terga margin. Head wider than long. Labial palpus shorter than glossa and maxillary palpus. Maxillary palpus as long as galea. Outer surface of galea mat and sculptured. Clypeus two and a half times as wide as long, without medio-longitudinal groove, densely punctate (i = d). Propodeal triangle shiny, very short, with declivous basal area. Terga with basal concavity (Fig. 77). $\$ L = 10.2 mm. Integument black; sterna margins and Tb3 brownish. Mandibles apex reddish. Flagellum reddish below. Face with white hairs. Head posterior face, mesosoma, legs, T1 and sterna with golden hairs. Spurs of Tb2 with 8-10 sharp outstanding spines. T1–T4 with continuous white, apical fringes. Prepygidial fimbria black to dark brown. Pygidial plate with a strong, high, median carina. ♂ (Figs 77–83). L = 10.0 mm. Head wider than long. Eyes not prominent; inner margins converging ventrally. Antennae black. A5 longer than wide. Mesoscutum and scutellum covered with erect, greyish hairs. Tb3 flattened, with anterior region of distal end enlarged (Fig. 80). Bt3 patellate, as wide as long (Fig. 80). Medio-apical processes of S6 with two widely separated, curved processes (Fig. 78). S7 narrowed basally; apex shallowly concave, with two rounded lobes (Fig. 81). S8 with medio-lateral hairy tooth; apex subelliptic (Fig. 79). Genitalia as illustrated in Figs 82-83.

Description. $\ \$ P. Head. L = 3.0 mm; W = 3.5 mm. Head wider than long. Integument mostly black. Apex of mandibles and clypeus apical lamella reddish. Face covered with white or greyish-white hairs. Vertex with dark

brown hairs. Posterior surface covered in golden hairs. Labial palpus shorter than maxillary palpus, reaching apex of galea. Maxillary palpus as long as galea. Outer surface of galea mat. Malar area shorter than A2. Clypeus, face and vertex punctate. Clypeus two and a half times as wide as long, densely punctate (i = d). Compound eyes converging ventrally. Antennae mostly black, except A4-A11 reddish-brown ventrally, A12 entirely reddish. Mesosoma. L = 4.0 mm. W = 3.5 mm. Integument black. Mesoscutum and scutellum with a few golden hairs; integument shiny, sparsely punctulate (i > d). Pronotum, pleurae, metanotum and propodeum covered with golden hairs. Propodeal triangle hairless, anterior part mat, posterior part glabrous; short, with declivous basal area. Propodeum shiny. Legs. Integument black, Tb3 a little reddish. Fore and hind legs with golden hairs. Inner surface of Tb2 with distinct golden hairs. Outer side of mid legs with dense, white appressed hairs. Spurs of Tb2 with eight outstanding spines. Tb3 and Bt3 with red spots at base of hairs. Wings. Surface light brownish. Two submarginal cells; first longer than second. Basal vein slightly curved. Metasoma. L = 6.5 mm. W = 4.5 mm. Terga black. Sterna margin reddish. Terga contiguously punctate, rugose. Discs of terga hairless. T1 with golden hairs. T1-T4 with white, continuous apical fringes. Prepygidial fimbria black on T5, dark brownish on T6. Sterna with very short, pale hairs. S6 with a dense apical fringe of golden hairs. Terga with basal concavity. Sterna and terga with straight premarginal line. Pygidial plate with a strong median carina. δ . Head. L = 2.7 mm. W = 3.3 mm. Integument black. Mandible reddish to blackish subapically. Head entirely covered with white, erect hairs. Proboscides as in female. Labrum swollen. Malar area shorter than A2. Clypeus trapezoidal, densely clothed with white hairs. Eyes with inner margins converging ventrally. Face and vertex deeply and densely punctate (i = d). Antennae black. A3 longer than A4. A5 as wide as long. Mesosoma. L = 3.5 mm. W = 3.5 mm. Integument black, with long, white, erect hairs; median part of mesoscutum and scutellum a little less hairy (hairs greyish). Nota sparsely punctate. Propodeal triangle as in female. Legs. Integument brown. F1–3 with short, white, erect hairs. External surface of Tb1-3 and tarsi 1-3 with white, erect hairs. Inner surface of tarsi 1-3 with appressed, golden hairs. Tb2 and Bt2 distinctly flattened and enlarged. Tb3 flattened, with apical spine enlarged (Fig. 80). Bt3 patellate (Fig. 80). Metasoma. L = 6.0 mm. W = 4.0 mm. Integument black. T1–T4 covered in erect, white hairs. S1–S5 hairless. Disc of terga regularly punctate (i > d), with basal concavity. Apex of S5 convex. Medio-apical processes of S6 with two widely separated, curved processes (Fig. 78). S7 narrowed basally; apex shallowly concave, with two rounded lobes (Fig. 81). S8 with medio-lateral hairy tooth; apex subelliptic (Fig. 79). Genitalia as illustrated in Figs 82–83.

Type material (25 specimens). Holotype δ ; 18 paratypes δ ; 6 paratypes φ ; South Africa, $6 \varphi / 9 \delta$, near Helskoof gate, 28.18°S, 16.58°E, 12.–14.ix.2001, on *Gorteria*, B. Danforth, CUIC; δ holotype, 9δ , idem, C. Eardley, SANC.



Figs 77–83. *Capicola richtersveldensis* sp. n., & . 77 – terga 1–2, showing depressed anterior regions; 78 – ventral view of sternum 6; 79 – ventral view of sternum 8; 80 – outer surface of hind tibia; 81 – ventral view of sternum 7; 82 – dorsal view of genitalia; 83 – lateral view of genitalia (scale as in Fig. 82).

Additional material (28 specimens). 12♀/7♂, Koeroegabvlakte (Richtersveld), 28.11°S, 17.03°E, 17.-24.ix.1995, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on yellow flowers of *Osteospermum* sp., AMGS; 1♀, Klipfontein (Namaqualand), 29.51°S, 17.47°E, 14.x.1989, F.W. & S.K. Gess, on *Wahlenbergia* cf. *annularis*, AMGS; 4♀, 7 km South of Brandvlei (30.5°S, 20.41°E), 1.xi.1977, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 4♀, Paleisheuwel, 32.28°S, 18.71°E, xi.1948, Museum Expedition, SAMC.

Etymology. Named after the type locality.

Distribution (Fig. 96). Only known from the Western and Northern Cape provinces of South Africa.

Host plant (40 specimens). Asteraceae, *Gorteria* sp. $(10 \Im / 10 \Im)$, *Osteospermum* sp. $(12 \Im / 7 \Im)$; Campanulaceae, *Wahlenbergia* cf. *annularis* $(1 \Im)$.

First – last observations. 12.ix.–14.x.

12. Capicola rufiventris Friese, 1912

Capicola (Rhinochaetula) rufiventris Friese, 1912: 186–187, Q. Capicola (Capicola) rufiventris (Friese): Michener, 1981: 82–83

Hesperapis (Capicola) rufiventris (Friese): Eardley & Urban, 2006: 164.

Rhinochaetula femorata Friese, 1925: 504, ♂.

Capicola (Capicola) femorata (Friese): Michener, 1981: 83.

Capicola callura Cockerell, 1932a: 455, ♀.

Hesperapis callura (Cockerell): Cockerell, 1934: 448.

Capicola (Capicola) callura Cockerell: Michener, 1981: 83.

Capicola nivea Cockerell, 1932a: 456–457, ♂.

Hesperapis nivea (Cockerell): Cockerell, 1942: 60.

Capicola (Capicola) nivea Cockerell: Michener, 1981: 83.

Hesperapis faurei Cockerell, 1934: 448. ♀.

Type material of *C. rufiventris* (designated here). Lectotype \$\,\ South Africa, Ookiep (29.6°S, 17.9°E), ZMHB. Original designation: "Ookiep, Südafrika". Lectotype: \$\,\ (ZMBH)\$, labels: 1st printed on white paper "Bushmanld Jackals Water Lightfoot"; 2nd handwritten with black ink on white paper "Rhinochaetula rufiventris 1910 Friese det."; 3rd printed on red paper "Typus"; 4th printed on white paper "Coll. Friese"; 5th printed on red paper "Capicola rufiventris Friese 1912 lectotype design Michez 2006".

Type material of *C. femorata* (designated here). Lectotype &, South Africa, Henkries (28.95°S, 18.12°E), ZMHB. Original designation: "Henkries, Bushmannland". Lectotype: ♀ (ZMBH), labels: 1st handwritten with black ink on white paper "Bushmannld Henkries Fr."; 2nd handwritten with black ink on white paper "Rhinochaetula femorata 1910 Friese det."; 3rd printed on red paper "Typus"; 4th printed on white paper "Coll. Friese"; 5th printed on red paper "Rhinochaetula femorata Friese 1925 lectotype design Michez 2006"; 6th printed on white paper "Capicola rufiventris det. Michez".

Type material of *C. callura*. Holotype ♀ ?, South Africa, Graaf-Reinet (32.25°S, 24.55°E), not localised, synonymised by Michener (1981). Original designation: "Graaf-Reinet, Cape Province".

Type material of *C. nivea*. Holotype ♂, South Africa, Graaf-Reinet, (32.25°S, 24.55°E), NHMN. Original designation: "Graaf-Reinet, Cape Province".

Type material of *C. faurei*. Holotype \mathfrak{P} , South Africa, Brandvlei (?), NHMN. Original designation: "Brandvlei, Cape Province".

Diagnosis (Figs 84–91). \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{L} . Head wider than long. Labial palpus as long as glossa. Maxillary palpus as long as galea, longer than labial palpus. Outer surface of galea mat. Clypeus twice as wide as long, without median

groove. Propodeal triangle with basal area horizontal. 9 (Fig. 91). L = 9.6 mm. Clypeus glabrous, with few punctures (i > 3d). Mesoscutum and scutellum with small, deep punctures, with appressed hairs. Propodeal triangle with a median groove; anterior half finely rugose to strigulate; posterior half shiny and unsculptured. Posterior part of propodeum shiny. Fore and mid legs with whitish hairs. Spurs of Tb2 with 4-6 sharp outstanding spines. Terga mat, weakly punctate. T1 with interrupted apical hair band (some specimens with reduced but continuous band). T1-T3 orange. T3 with lateral brown spot. Prepygidial fimbria white brownish to brownish. Pp with a strong elevated median area; not tapering (Fig. 91). 3 (Figs 84–90). L = 7.8 mm. Clypeus densely punctate (i = d), covered with long white appressed hairs. A4-13 dorsally brown, ventrally reddish. A3 as long as A4. A5 as long as wide. Mesoscutum and scutellum shiny between small, weak punctures. Legs with white appressed hairs. Tb3 apex widely expanded. Medio-apical process of S6 blade shaped (Figs 84, 87). S7 with spiny apico-lateral processes (Figs 85, 88). Apex of S8 subelliptic. S8 and genitalia as illustrated in Figs 86, 89–91.

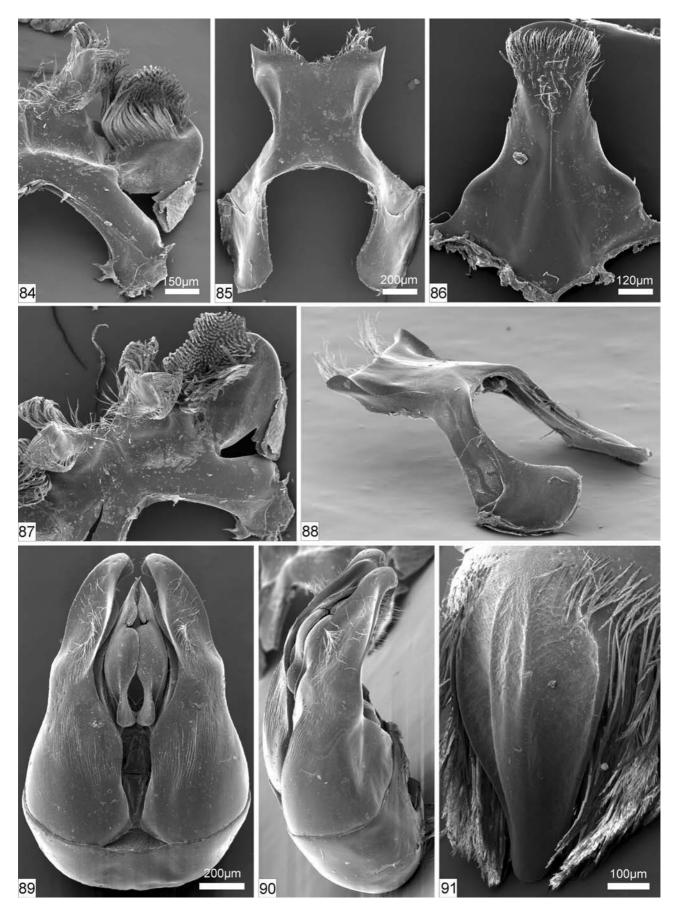
Additional material examined (196 specimens). Namibia: 10♀/24♂, Mariental (24.63°S, 17.97°E), 24.x.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 15♀/1♂, Barby (Bethanie) (25.85°S, 16.55°E), NMWN; 19, Aurusberge (27.65°S, 16.31°E), 22.x.1974, R. Watmough, SANC; 16, Skeleton Coast Park, Geanias Water Hole (19.12°S, 12.87°E), 24.i.1983, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 29, Klinghardt Mountains (27.37°S, 15.87°E), x.1982, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 19, Rosh Pinah (27.95°S, 16.77E), 18.xi.1975, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC. South Africa: 1♂, Graaf Reinet (32.25°S, 24.55°E), 24.–27.x.1931, BMNH; 19/3&, Cradock (32.18°S, 25.62°E), 30.xi.1966, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 19, Keetmanshoop (26.58°S, 18.13°E), 23.x.1968, J.G. Rozen, AMNH; 2♀, Vioolsdrif (28.77°S, 17.65°E), 19.x.1999, Halada, OOLL; 22\(\text{9}/28\ddot\), Murraysburg, 31.95\(\text{oS}\), 23.76\(\text{oE}\), xi.1935, Museum Staff, SAMC; 43 \, Upington, 28.45°S, 21.25°E, 10.–12.x.1966, SAMC; 2♀/1♂, Williston, 31.35°S, 20.92°E, 30.xi.1978, V.B. Whitehead, on Psilocaulon sp., SAMC; 1♀, idem, on Aloe sp.; 1 ♀/1 ♂, idem, on Mesembryanthemum crystalinum; 10♀/8♂, Fraserburg, Klipheuwels, 31.92°S, 21.48°E, 29.xi.1978, V.B. Whitehead, on Psilocaulon sp., SAMC; 19, Witputs (27.27°S, 20.35°E), 15.x.1975, V.B. Whitehead, on Mesembryanthemum sp., SAMC; 59, Loxton District, Dunedin farm, 31.47°S, 22.42°E, 29.xi.1974, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 39, Putsonderwater, 29.23°S, 21.88°E, x.1939, Museum Staff, SAMC; 19, Richmond District (31.42°S, 23.93°E), xi.1939, Museum Staff, SAMC; 13, Naib, Bushmanland, between Springbok and Pella, 29.35°S, 18.35°E, x.1939, Museum Staff, SAMC; 29, Annisfontein, Richtersveld, 28.38°S, 15.87°E, 20.-23.xi.1975, V.B. Whitehead, SAMC; 69, Leliefontein, Paulshoek, 30.38°S, 18.27°E, 28.–30.ix.1997, C. Seymour, SAMC.

Distribution (Fig. 97). Widespread through Namibia and the western part of South Africa.

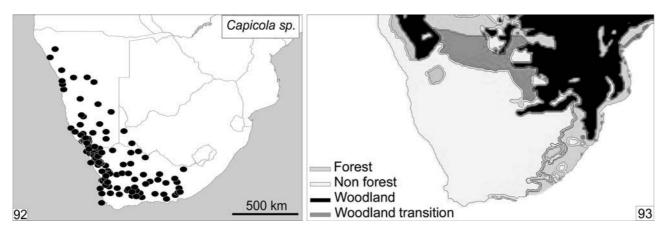
Host plant (24 specimens). Aizoaceae, *Aloe* sp. $(1\)$, *Psilocaulon* sp. $(12\)$ /9 $\$), *Mesembryanthemum* sp. $(1\)$ and *Mesembryanthemum crystalinum* $(1\)$).

First – last observations. 10.x.–30.xi.

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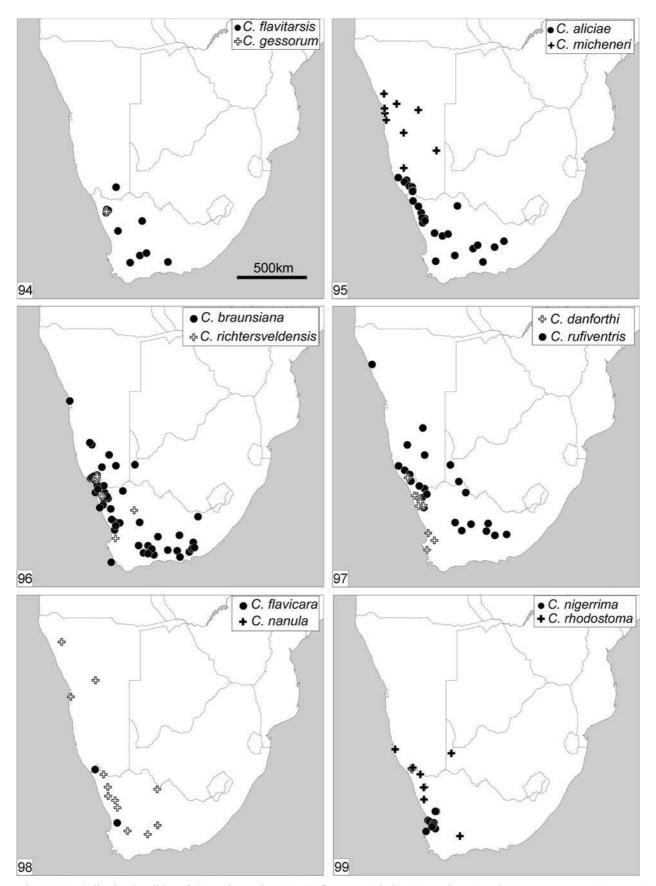


Figs 84–91. Capicola rufiventris. 84 – ventral view of sternum 63; 85 – ventral view of sternum 73; 86 – ventral view of sternum 83; 87 – posterior view of sternum 63 (scale as in Fig. 84); 88 – lateral view of sternum 73 (scale as in Fig. 85); 89 – dorsal view of genitalia 3; 90 – lateral view of genitalia 3; 90 – lateral view of genitalia 3; 91 – lateral view of pygidial plate 3.

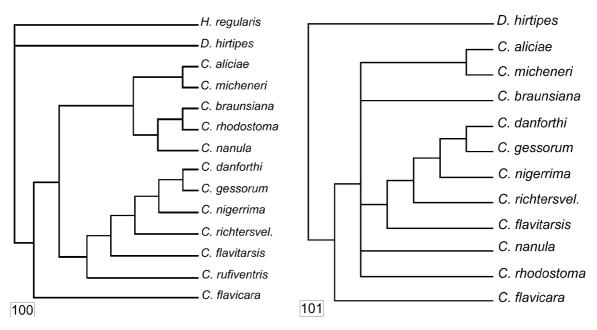


Figs 92–93. 92 – collecting localities of the genus *Capicola* (1136 specimens); 93 – general distribution of ecosystems in Southern Africa (White, 1986).

_	Head as long as wide or wider than long. Scutum and scu-		Clypeus mostly black, sometimes apical area reddish.
	tellum mostly black. Pp $ \circ $ with medio-longitudinal carinae		Supraclypeal area black. Propodeal triangle with horizontal
2	Outer surface of Tb3 \$\forall \text{ with large, blunt, spine-like hairs}	9	basal area
	(Fig. 46). Prepygidial fimbria 9 brown. Disc of S6 without	_	Prepygidial fimbria brown or black
	medio-longitudinal groove. Disc of S7 & narrowed medially; apical lobes diverging (Figs 5, 53)	10	Body length < 7.0 mm. Integument of T1–4 reddish
_	Outer surface of Tb3 9 without large, blunt, spine-like		Body length > 7.0 mm. Integument of T1–4 black 11
	hairs. Prepygidial fimbria ♀ orange to black. Disc of S6 ♂ with medio-longitudinal groove (Figs 20–21). Disc of S7 ♂	11	Scutum with shallow punctures. Outer surface of galea sculptured. Disc of T2–T5 shiny, without basal concavity.
	not narrowed; apex generally emarginate, lobes not		Spurs of Tb2 with 4–6 large spines. Body length < 8.0 mm.
_	diverging (Fig. 12)		C. flavitarsis
3	Clypeus twice as wide as long. Hind part of propodeal triangle impunctate, smooth and shiny. Body length > 6.5 mm.		Scutum with deep punctures. Outer surface of galea smooth. Disc of terga mat, with basal concavity. Spurs of Tb2
	Metasoma ♀ black. S2–S4 ♂ with dense white apical hair		without large spine. Body length > 10.0 mm
	bands. Apical area of S8 & flattened. S7–S8 & and genitalia as figured in Figs 5–8	12	
_	Clypeus three times as wide as long. Propodeal triangle	12	sculptured
	entirely rugose (Fig. 44). Body length < 6.5 mm. Metasoma	_	Disc of terga with deep punctures. Outer surface of galea
	♀ mainly reddish. S2–S4 ♂ with few apical hairs. Apical area of S8 ♂ circular (Fig. 54). S7–8 ♂ and genitalia as fig-	13	smooth
	ured in Figs 52–57		long (3:1)
4	Females (Figs 1–2). Antenna 12 segmented. Tb3 and Bt3 with scopa		All antennal segments with the same colour. Clypeus relatively longer, two and a half times to twice as wide as long
_	Males (Figs 3-4). Antenna 13 segmented. Tb3 and Bt3		(2.5 : 1 to 2 : 1)
-	without scopa	14	Tb3 not expanded apically. Gonostylus with narrow hairy
5	Clypeus three times as wide as long (3 : 1). T3–T6 orangish. Pp as figured in Figs 58–59		groove (margin of groove parallel) (Figs 15–16, 76). S6 with medio-apical small teeth (Figs 11, 71)
—	Clypeus relatively longer, two and a half times to twice as		Tb3 expanded apically. Gonostylus with large hairy groove
	wide as long (2.5 : 1 to 2 : 1). T3–T6 mostly black. Pp different		(margin of groove not parallel) or hairless groove. S6 with medio-apical curved blade (Figs 20–21)
6	Clypeus twice as wide as long (2 : 1), with few superficial	15	Clypeus with dense punctures (i < d) at least basally.
	punctures ($i > 3d$)		Labrum, clypeus and supraclypeal area reddish. Compound eyes converging below
	dense, deep punctures ($i \le d$) at least basally 9	_	Clypeus with few punctures ($i > 3d$). Clypeus mostly black,
7	T1-T3 orange. T1 with medially interrupted apical fringe,		sometimes apical area reddish. Supraclypeal area black.
	smaller than apical fringes of T2–T4. Pp with a strongly elevated median area (Fig. 91). Head wider than long. Com-	16	Compound eyes sub-parallel
	pound eyes parallel		with latero-apical teeth (Figs 85, 88). S6, S8 and genitalia as
_	T1–T3 black to reddish. T1 with continuous apical fringe, as dense as apical fringes of T2–T4. Pp with a weak median		figured in Figs 84, 86–87, 89–90
	elevated area consisting of a pair of median subparallel cari-		leg black to brownish. S6–S8 and genitalia different 17
	nae, area between these carinae concave (Figs 9–10). Head as wide as long. Compound eyes converging below 8	17	Disc of T2–4 flat. Eyes prominent (Fig. 34). Medio-apical process of S6 spiny shaped (Fig. 32). S7 and genitalia as in
8	Clypeus and supraclypeal area reddish. Propodeal triangle		Figs 33, 35–37
	with declivous basal area	—	Disc of T2–4 with basal concavity. Eyes not prominent. S7
			and genitalia different



Figs 94–99. Collecting localities of *Capicola* species. 94 – *C. flavitarsis* (circles, 21 specimens) and *C. gessorum* sp. n. (crosse, 16 specimens); 95 – *C. aliciae* (circles, 108 specimens) and *C. micheneri* sp. n. (crosses, 75 specimens); 96 – *C. braunsiana* (circles, 292 specimens) and *C. richtersveldensis* sp. n. (crosses, 59 specimens); 97 – *C. danforthi* sp. n. (crosses, 211 specimens) and *C. rufiventris* (circles, 196 specimens); 98 – *C. flavicara* sp. n. (circles, 4 specimens) and *C. nanula* (crosses, 94 specimens). 99, *C. nigerrima* (crosses, 107 specimens) and *C. rhodostoma* (circles, 109 specimens).



Figs 100-101. 100 – strict consensus of most parsimonious trees (length = 46, CI = 0.6087 and RI = 0.7465) from heuristic search; 101 – strict consensus of most parsimonious trees (length = 44, CI = 0.6364 and RI = 0.7288) from exhaustive search.

- Body length > 5.0 mm. Tb3 apically broadened (Figs 19, 64, 80). S6–S8 and genitalia different.

- 20 Tb3 with a tooth between the apical spurs (Fig. 19). Clypeus without medio-longitudinal groove. Disc of terga moderately densely punctate. S6 with medio-apical processes blade shaped (Figs 20–21). Genitalia as in Figs 23–25.....

DISCUSSION

Morphology and taxonomy

The species included in *Capicola* are unambiguously characterized by some morphological structures like proboscis proportions, body size, punctuation of clypeus, propodeal triangle, shape of hidden sterna δ (S6–S8) and genitalia δ . The shape of the females' pygidial plate is diagnostic for many species, what is notably unusual in melittids (except in *Dasypoda* females; Michez et al., 2004a).

Our cladistic analysis does not support the former subdivision of *Capicola* into two subgenera *Capicoloides* and *Capicola* (Michener, 1981, 2000). The group described by Michener (1981) as *Capicoloides* is monophyletic, robust and supported by high bootstrap values (Fig. 100). However, the large species group designated as Capicola s.str. is obviously not monophyletic. The five species originally included in the latter taxon (C. braunsiana, C. cinctiventris (= C. flavitarsis), C. flavitarsis, C. nanula, C. rufiventris) are associated in two distinct clades. Moreover, the relationships of three species (C. braunsiana, C. nanula and C. rhodostoma) remain uncertain based on the available knowledge. Acknowledging subgenera in Capicola based on the previous trees would consequently lead to numerous taxonomical changes, a critical taxonomic inflation and no significant improvement of the systematic relevance. We propose thus to pool the twelve species in one single genus including several (at least three) monophyletic groups of species.

At a higher taxonomic level, our previous proposal leads to the acknowledgement of seven subgenera - all Nearctic – within *Hesperapis* namely: *Amblyapis* Cockerell, 1910, Carinapis Stage, 1981, Disparapis Stage, 1981, Hesperapis s. str., Panurgomia Viereck, 1909, Xeralictoides Stage, 1981 and Zacesta Ashmead, 1899. Moreover, the Dasypodaini would then include four genera: Capicola, Dasypoda Latreille, 1802, Eremaphanta and Hesperapis. The phylogenetic relationships among these genera need re-evaluation through a global analysis. Interesting preliminary clues on the result of such analysis were suggested by Engel (2005) who grouped Capicola and Eremaphanta within the subtribe Hesperapina. Several of our own observations give us additional insights supporting this proposal, notably in the C. flavicara morphology (flatness of the female's pygidial plate and the shape of the head).

Other questions concerning the higher taxonomic levels are (1) the taxonomic status of sub-genera of *Hesperapis*; (2) the nature of the phylogenetic relationships between these taxa, and (3) the relationships between Dasypodaini and the other tribes of the Dasypodainae (Promelittini and Sambini).

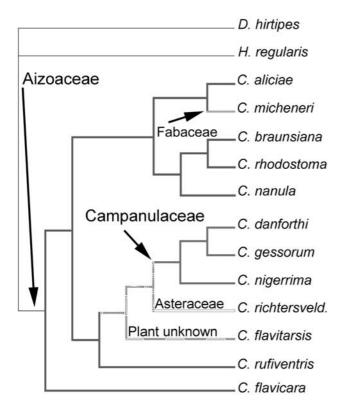


Fig. 102. Phylogeny and host plants of Capicola.

Biogeography

Capicola distribution is mostly restricted to the xeric part of south-western Africa (Figs 92–93). The diversity pattern seems unipolar (Figs 94–99) contrary to the bipolar one of species like those in *Colletes* Latreille, 1802 (Kuhlmann, 2005). The centre of endemism is clearly in the Western Cape Province's Succulent and Nama Karoo biomes, which have the world's highest temperate floral diversities (Kuhlmann, 2005). The distributions of several species extend northward into Namibia and eastward in the Eastern Cape Province. One species that is recorded outside this area is *C. micheneri* which is an Namibian endemic species.

The narrow range of *Capicola* is remarkable compared to the distribution of their closest relatives among Dasypodaini: *Hesperapis* and *Eremaphanta*, which are respectively Nearctic and Central Asian (Michener, 1981; Michez & Patiny, 2006). The distribution of the group formed by these three taxa includes two large disjunctions, the origins of which could be well explained by a serie of extinction events. The potential causes for these extinctions are likely to be the consequences of major climate changes undergone in these regions during the Quaternary period (Marchant & Hooghiemstra, 2004).

Host plants

Capicola species seem to be oligolectic on a few plant families: Aizoaceae (6 species), Asteraceae (1 species), Campanulaceae (3 species) and Fabaceae (1 species) (Table 2). These data confirm the analysis of Gess & Gess (2004).

The likely host plant specialisation of *Capicola* confirms the oligolectic feature of Melittidae. In fact, most other melittid genera are described as oligolectic: *Macropis* on *Lysimachia* sp., Primulaceae (Michez & Patiny, 2005); some *Eremaphanta* on *Convolvulus* sp., Convolvulaceae (Popov, 1940; Michez & Patiny, 2006); the subgenus *Dasypoda* s. str. on Asteraceae (Michez et al., 2004a, b).

The host plants of *Capicola* are very common in South Africa. The families Aizoaceae, Asteraceae and Fabaceae are also very attractive to many other oligolectic bee species (Gess & Gess, 2004).

Host plant in the context of Capicola phylogeny

The results of the phylogenetic analysis seem coherent with the host plants (Fig. 102). Most of the robust monophyletic groups seem to be specialized on only one plant family. The group of *C. flavicara* and *C. aliciae* seem to be oligolectic on Aizoaceae and *C. micheneri* has switched to Fabaceae. In the group of *C. danforthi*, *C. gessorum* and *C. nigerrima* the host plants are more diverse (Aizoaceae, Asteraceae and Campanulaceae). *C. rufiventris* is potentially oligolectic on Aizoaceae, and it is the sister species of the former group. It is possible that Aizoaceae is the "plesiomorphic" floral choice for *Capi*-

TABLE 2. Flower visits (in percentage) of Capicola species (number of specimens in brackets).

Consideration	Host plant									
Capicola species	Aizoaceae	Asteraceae	Campanulaceae	Fabaceae	Molluginaceae					
C. aliciae (6)	100	_	_	_	_					
C. braunsiana (32)	100	_	_	_	_					
C. danforthi (79)	_	_	100	_	_					
C. flavicara (1)	100	_	_	_	_					
C. gessorum (13)	_	_	100	_	_					
C. micheneri (66)	_	_	_	97	3					
C. nanula (21)	95	_	5	_	_					
C. nigerrima (77)	_	_	100	_	_					
C. rhodostoma (11)	73	_	27	_	_					
C. richtersveldensis (40)	_	98	2	_	_					
C. rufiventris (24)	100	_	_	_	_					

cola. According to the tree topology, the specialisation on Fabaceae, Asteraceae and Campanulaceae has each evolved once.

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