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Revision of the "euryglossiform" species of the Afrotropical bee genus *Scapter* Lepeletier & Serville, 1828 (Hymenoptera: Apoidea: Colletidae)

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Abstract. The South African endemic bees of the "euryglossiform" species of the genus *Scapter* Lepeletier & Serville, 1828 are revised and illustrated. The species-group is defined for the first time and comprises 20 species, 16 of which are described here as new: *Scapter exiguus* sp. nov. ♀, ♂, *S. gessorum* sp. nov. ♀, *S. inexpectatus* sp. nov. ♀, *S. luteistigma* sp. nov. ♀, ♂, *S. minutissimus* sp. nov. ♂, *S. minutuloides* sp. nov. ♀, *S. minutus* sp. nov. ♀, *S. nanus* sp. nov. ♀, ♂, *S. nigerrimus* sp. nov. ♀, *S. nigritarsis* sp. nov. ♀, *S. papkuilsi* sp. nov. ♀, ♂, *S. punctatus* sp. nov. ♀, ♂, *S. pygmaeus* sp. nov. ♀, *S. roggeveldi* sp. nov. ♀, ♂, *S. spinipes* sp. nov. ♀, ♂ and *S. ulrikae* sp. nov. ♀, ♂. For *S. acanthophorus* Davies, 2005 and *S. sittybon* Davies, 2005 the female is here described for the first time. A key to all species is provided.

Key words. *Scapter*, bees, South Africa, new species, taxonomy

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Introduction

The bee genus *Scapter* Lepeletier de Saint-Fargeau & Audinet-Serville, 1828 currently comprises 43 described species (Eardley & Urban 2010) and is largely restricted to southern Africa with a single record from Kenya (Davies *et al.* 2005). The centre of diversity and endemism of *Scapter* is the Greater Cape Floristic Region (GCFR) in the winter rainfall area of western South Africa (Kuhlmann 2009). Alleged records from Uganda (Munyuli 2013 and previous publications) are based on fabricated data and have been retracted.

Many *Scapter* species seem to be geographically restricted and specialized flower visitors, partly with short seasonal and daily flight periods, that are easily overlooked (Eardley 1996; Kuhlmann & Eardley 2012). Intensive collecting in the past ten years has revealed an unexpectedly high number of undescribed species and new large samples of taxonomically difficult species complexes have become available (Kuhlmann, unpubl.). This freshly collected material now allows for a critical reevaluation of previous taxonomic decisions. Eventually, the number of *Scapter* species will likely be >100, probably making it the most speciose bee genus in the GCFR and, thus, an ideal model for studying pollinator diversification.

As a group *Scrapper* is easily identifiable as it is the only hairy colletid bee genus in Africa with two submarginal cells, but there is a huge intrageneric morphological diversity (Davies & Brothers 2006; Michener 2007). *Scrapper* was first revised by Eardley (1996), who recognized 31 species, and later Davies *et al.* (2005) and Davies & Brothers (2006) described an additional twelve species and documented in detail the diverse morphology of the genus. The morphological diversity of *Scrapper* is also a major obstacle for a better understanding of intrageneric relationships within the genus. Michener (2007: 171f) divided *Scrapper* in two groups and stated that some of the characters he used are (sub)generic characters in other bee groups. However, because some *Scrapper* species combine these characters this makes a clear definition of groups difficult. These problems can partly be remedied once more specimens and species become available that allow for a more comprehensive assessment of individual variation and characters, hopefully leading to a better definition and circumscription of species-groups than previously possible.

The "euryglossiform" *Scrapper* are a good example of taxonomic confusion caused by the lack of sufficient material and highlight the need for further collecting. Differences between species are often subtle and can only be recognized by comparing series of specimens. Consequently, the few available specimens of the species-group, although representing different taxa, were initially interpreted as a single species, *S. albitarsis* (Friese, 1909) and assigned to the heterogenous *S. flavostictus* Cockerell, 1934 species-group (Eardley 1996). Three more species of the group were described and relationships discussed by Davies *et al.* (2005) based on males only: *S. acanthophorus* Davies, 2005 (related to *S. albitarsis* = *S. flavostictus* species-group of Eardley (1996)), *S. glareus* Davies, 2005 (relation unclear, but resembles *S. niger* Lepeletier & Serville, 1828 = *S. bicolor* Lepeletier & Serville, 1828 species-group of Eardley (1996)) and *S. sittybon* Davies, 2005 (relation unclear but similar to *S. calx* Eardley, 1996 (= *S. flavostictus* species-group) and *S. nitidus* (Friese, 1909) (= *S. nitidus* species-group of Eardley (1996))).

The divergent assignment of the four species to species-groups illustrates the present state of *Scrapper* systematics and the need for a comprehensive taxonomic and phylogenetic study including the full extent of the (undescribed) diversity to identify intrageneric relationships and monophyletic groups. As a first step towards this goal and based on 954 specimens mainly collected in the last ten years, the species-group of "euryglossiform" *Scrapper* is here defined for the first time. Within this group 16 new species and the females of two other species are described for the first time.

Material and methods

Terminology for the description of species is based on Michener (2007) for general morphology and for surface sculpturing Harris (1979) is followed. Puncture density is expressed as the relationship between puncture diameter (d) and the space between them (i), such as $i = 1.5 d$ or $i < d$. The following abbreviations were used for morphological structures:

- T = metasomal tergum
- S = metasomal sternum
- Bl = body length

Body length was measured from the vertex to the apex of the body.

Acronyms for collections where specimens are deposited, are as follows:

- AMGS = Albany Museum, Grahamstown, South Africa
- CUIC = Cornell University Collection, Ithaca, USA
- EMUS = Entomological Museum, Utah State University, USA

- PCYU = Laurence Packer collection of York University, Toronto, Canada
NHML = Natural History Museum, London, UK
RCMK = research collection of Michael Kuhlmann, London, UK
SANC = South African National Collection of Insects, Pretoria, South Africa
ZMHB = Museum für Naturkunde der Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Germany

Nomenclature of plant names follows Germishuizen & Meyer (2003).

If not given on the labels, coordinates of collecting sites were identified using Microsoft Encarta® World Atlas (version 10, 2001). Distribution maps are not included in this paper because all species are only known from a few or even only a single locality.

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) was carried out using a Leo 1455VP. The backscattered electron images were taken under low vacuum (variable pressure) of uncoated specimens. In this mode electron-poor organic material appears darker than electron-rich material (e.g., pins, soil dust particles) consisting of heavier chemical elements.

The following abbreviations are used for collectors:

KT = K. Timmermann

MK = M. Kuhlmann

Results

Class Hexapoda Blainville, 1816
Order Hymenoptera Linnaeus, 1758
Superfamily Apoidea Latreille, 1802
Epifamily Anthophila Latreille, 1804
Family Colletidae Lepeletier, 1841
Subfamily Scaptrinae Ascher & Engel, 2005

Genus *Scapter* Lepeletier & Serville, 1828

Scapter Lepeletier & Serville, 1828: 403 (not *Scapter* Lepeletier, 1841: 260). Type species: *Scapter bicolor* Lepeletier and Serville, 1828, by subsequent designation in Vachal (1897: 63). (For later type designations and confusion with *Scapter* Lepeletier, see Michener 1997.)

Polyglossa Friese, 1909: 123. Type species: *Polyglossa capensis* Friese, 1909, by subsequent designation in Cockerell (1921: 203). (For a later type designation by Sandhouse, see Michener 1997.)

Strandiella Friese, 1912: 181. Type species: *Strandiella longula* Friese, 1912 = *Scapter niger* Lepeletier & Serville, 1828, by subsequent designation in Cockerell (1916: 430).

Polyglossa (*Parapolyglossa*) Brauns, 1929: 134. Type species: *Polyglossa heterodoxa* Cockerell, 1921, by subsequent designation in Sandhouse (1943: 584) (see Michener 1997).

Detailed diagnoses and descriptions of *Scapter* were provided by Eardley (1996), Engel (2005), Davies & Brothers (2006) and Michener (2007), so they are not repeated here. Regarding the availability of Scapterini versus Scaptrinae see Ascher & Engel (2006). *Scapter* shows an unusual level of intra-generic diversity, described in detail by Davies & Brothers (2006), so various authors suggested that after revision the genus could be split up into several (sub)genera (Engel 2005; Melo & Gonçalves 2005; Michener 2007). The current system of species-groups suggested by Eardley (1996) does not convincingly reflect this diversity, as it partly contains morphologically heterogenous and presumably

paraphyletic species-groups. The *S. flavostictus*-group is an example of such an inhomogeneous assemblage and includes the first described "euryglossiform" *Scapter*, *S. albitarsis*. This species and its relatives are here transferred to a new species-group.

The group of "euryglossiform" *Scapter*

The term "euryglossiform" *Scapter* is introduced here for a group of morphologically monotonous species, including the smallest bees of the genus (3.5–7.0 mm), that are predominantly black, often with yellow markings on the legs. This species-group can also be referred to as the *S. albitarsis*-group, named after the first described species. In their body shape, sparse pilosity, surface sculpture and narrow groove-like facial fovea they superficially resemble andreniform Euryglossinae. These similarities might be convergent (Michener 2007: 171) but potentially reflect the presumed sister-group relationship of the Australian Euryglossinae and Scaptrinae (Almeida & Danforth 2009).

The species of the "euryglossiform" *Scapter* are characterized by a) a sulcus-like facial fovea with an invisible bottom as in *Hylaeus* (e.g., Fig. 1D), b) basitibial plate of female with simple marginal carinae, c) body small, without metasomal hair bands in females and most males, and d) membranous apicolateral lobes on male S7 (e.g., Fig. 5D), sometimes reduced to small structures, in nine of the 14 species where the males are known. In other *Scapter* species these lobes, that are a common feature in many colletid genera, are only known in a much more reduced form from some species of the *S. nitidus*-group. This group also shares the narrow facial fovea and the shape of male genitalia with the "euryglossiform" *Scapter* and might be their closest relatives as Davies *et al.* (2005) already suggested in their description of *S. acanthophorus*.

As relationships of species within the "euryglossiform" *Scapter* are not clear, they are listed in alphabetical order.

Species of "euryglossiform" *Scapter*

Scapter acanthophorus Davies, 2005

Figs 1–2

Scapter acanthophorus Davies, 2005: 153–155, figs 4–8, holotype ♂ (type locality: Knersvlakte, 30 km north of Vanrhynsdorp, South Africa) (SANC).

Diagnosis

The female of *S. acanthophorus* is here described for the first time. It can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: clypeus distinctly convex (Fig. 1C–D), foretibia dominantly blackish-brown, stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga broadly brownish translucent, terga between punctures smooth and shiny (Fig. 1B). The male is characterized by an unmodified antenna, hind tibia apically broadened inside forming a spine (Fig. 2E), coarsely but more sparsely punctate scutum and metasomal terga (Fig. 2C) and the form of S7 (Fig. 2D).

Material examined (25 specimens)

SOUTH AFRICA: 1 ♀, W. Cape, Knersvlakte, Sukkulent Karoo, 40 km N of Vanrhynsdorp, Farm Kalkgat, 140 m, 31°07'04" S, 18°55'18" E, 10 Sep. 2003, KT (RCMK); 1 ♀, W. Cape, Knersvlakte, Sukkulent Karoo, 30 km N of Vanrhynsdorp, 146 m, 31°22'23" S, 18°42'37" E, 22 Aug. 2003, KT (RCMK); 7 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂, idem, 6 Sep. 2003, KT (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, idem, 11 Sep. 2003, KT (RCMK); 11 ♀♀, 1 ♂, idem, 5–6 Sep. 2003, KT (RCMK 6 ♀♀, 1 ♂, NHML 5 ♀♀).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 6.0–6.5 mm.

HEAD. Head wider than long. Integument black except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 1C). Clypeus strongly convex with coarse punctation,

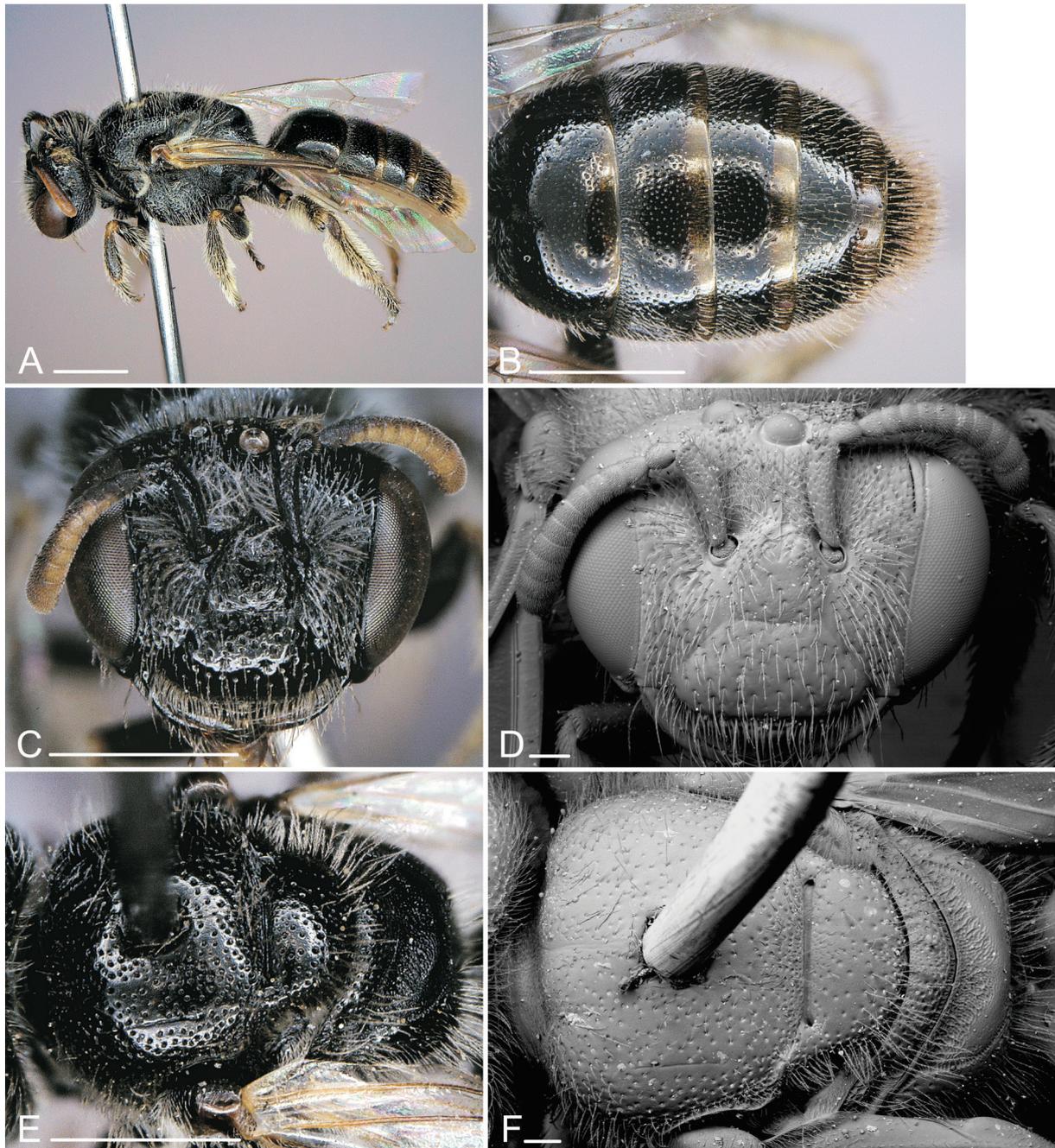


Fig. 1. *Scapter acanthophorus* Davies, 2005, ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **C.** Head. **D.** Head (SEM). **E.** Thorax (dorsal view). **F.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

apically sparse ($i = 2\text{--}3$ d), basally dense ($i = 0.5\text{--}1$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth and shiny, basally superficially shagreened and slightly matt (Fig. 1C–D). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially shagreened but shiny; disc densely ($i = 0.5\text{--}1.0$ d) and coarsely punctate (Fig. 1E–F). Metanotum slightly shorter than basal area of propodeum, apically with narrow carinate depression (Fig. 1F). Propodeum basally finely but

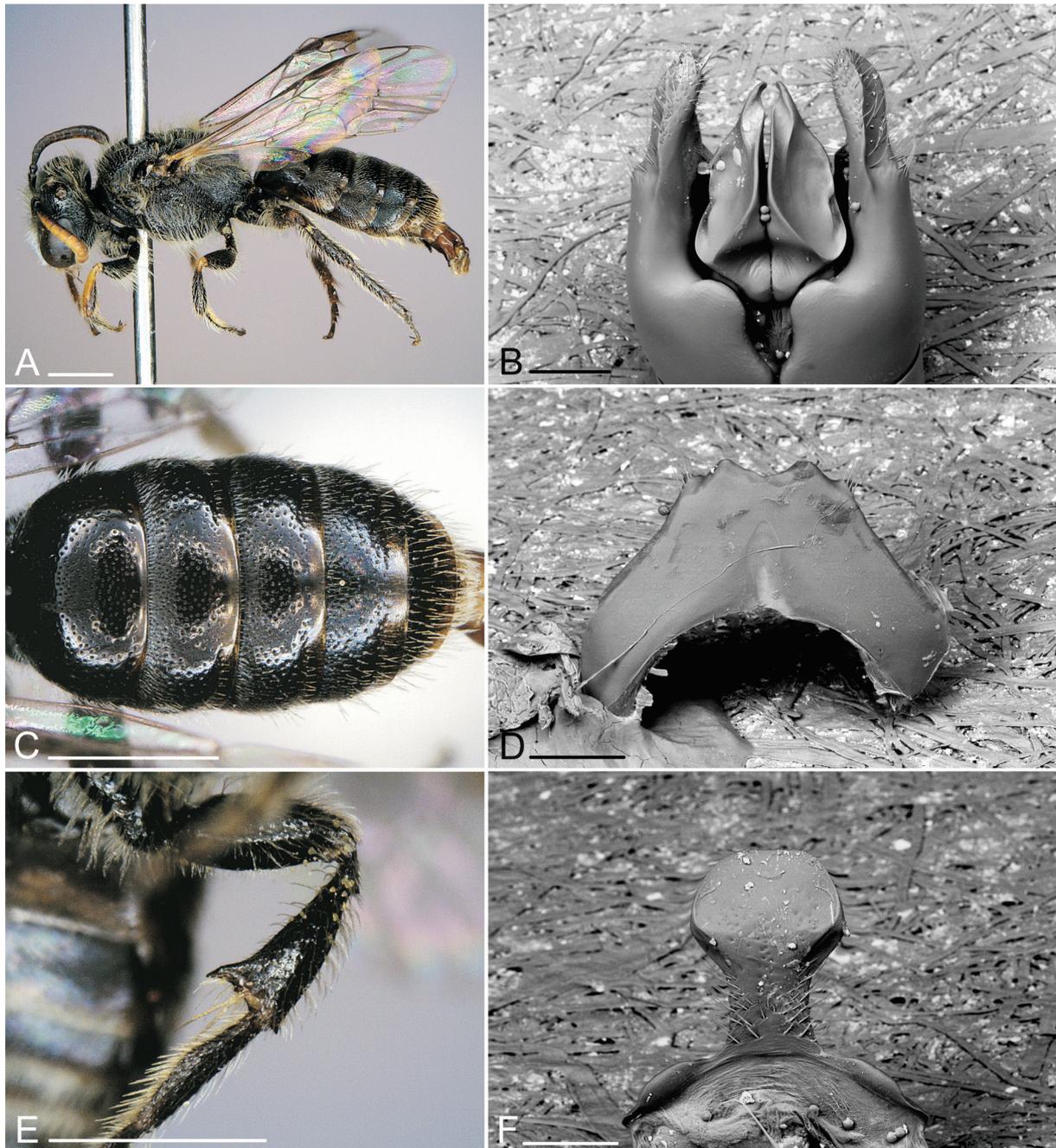


Fig. 2. *Scapter acanthophorus* Davies, 2005, ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Hind tibia. **F.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

broadly carinate (Fig. 1F). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 1A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore and mid tibia basally with small yellowish spot. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga broadly translucent yellowish to reddish-brown (Fig. 1B). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair, laterally sparsely covered with long erect greyish-white hair; following terga with increasingly more and longer hair; T3–T4 basally with a very narrow and sparse band of very fine, short, erect hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 1B). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae greyish-brown. T1 densely ($i = 1$ d) but finely punctate, between punctures polished and shiny; T2–T4 shiny, with dense, fine, superficial punctation; T2–T4 with polished broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 1B).

Male

BODY LENGTH. 5.2–6.0 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally yellowish-brown (Fig. 2A).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially shagreened but shiny; disc densely ($i = 0.5$ – 1.0 d) and coarsely punctate. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum covered with long, greyish, erect hair.

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black, fore tarsi and inner side of fore tibia yellow, base of mid tibia with small yellow spot (Fig. 2A). Hind tibia inside apically broadened, with a spine; hind basitarsus medially broadened (Fig. 2E). Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga broadly translucent yellowish to reddish-brown (Fig. 2C). Discs of T1–T3 without hair, laterally sparsely covered with short, erect greyish-white hair; following terga with increasingly more and longer hair; T2–T4 basally with a very narrow and sparse band of very fine, short, erect hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 2C). T1 and following terga densely ($i < 0.5$ – 1 d) but finely punctate, between punctures polished or superficially sculptured, shiny to slightly matt; terga with broad, polished to superficially sculptured but shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 2C). S3 and particularly S4–S5 with long apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 2B), S7 (Fig. 2D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 2F) as illustrated.

Distribution

The species is only known from the Knersvlakte, a semi-desert plane in southern Namaqualand.

Floral hosts

Unknown.

Seasonal activity

August–September.

Scapter albitarsis (Friese, 1909)

Figs 3–5

Polyglossa albitarsis Friese, 1909: 87, 124, holotype ♂ (type locality: Steinkopf, South Africa) (ZMBH).

Diagnosis

The female of *S. albitarsis* can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: facial fovea short (Fig. 4A), scutum sparsely punctate, looking almost impunctate and shiny (Figs 3C–D, 4C–D), mesepisternum strongly reticulate, stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga either black or just very slightly translucent (Fig. 3E–F). The male is characterized by an unmodified antenna, simple and black hind tibia, hind basitarsus yellowish (Fig. 5A), S7 with apicolateral lobes and apical emargination broad and shallow (Fig. 5D).

Material examined (370 specimens)

SOUTH AFRICA: 2 ♂♂, N. Cape, 2 km NW of Nieuwoudtville, route to Grasberg, 742 m, 31°21'17" S, 19°05'49" E, 26 Aug. 2006, KT (RCMK); 1 ♀, Nieuwoudtville, Flower Reserve East, 735 m, 31°21'55" S, 19°08'52" E, 18 Sep. 2007, MK (NHML); 1 ♀, 1 ♂, idem, 5 Sep. 2002, MK (NHML); 2 ♂♂, idem, 11 Sep. 2002, MK (NHML); 1 ♀, 2 ♂♂, idem, 12 Sep. 2004, MK (NHML); 1 ♂, idem, 13 Aug. 2004, MK (NHML); 10 ♂♂, idem, 19 Aug. 2004, MK (NHML); 1 ♂, idem, 21 Aug. 2004, MK (NHML); 1 ♀, 7 ♂♂, N. Cape, Nieuwoudtville, Flower Reserve, 770 m, 31°22'10" S, 19°08'50" E, 27 Aug. 2006, KT (RCMK); 1 ♂, idem, 1 Sep. 2006, KT (NHML); 3 ♀♀, 3 ♂♂, idem, 2 Sep. 2006, KT (RCMK); 1 ♀, 1 ♂, idem, 10 Sep. 2006, KT (RCMK); 1 ♂, idem, 18 Sep. 2006, KT (RCMK); 1 ♀, idem, 8 Sep. 2007, KT (NHML); 3 ♂♂, idem, 17 Sep. 2007, KT (NHML); 1 ♂, Nieuwoudtville, Pad Glenlyon to R27, 740 m, 31°23'24" S, 19°09'06" E, 3 Sep. 2007, on *Ruschia* sp., KT (NHML); 4 ♀♀, Knersvlakte, along Gemsbokrivier-Pad, 120–195 m, 31°23'57" S, 18°54'11" E, 14 Sep. 2007, MK (NHML); 1 ♂, N. Cape, Nieuwoudtville, Glen Lyon, Renosterveld, 700 m, 31°24'42" S, 19°09'00" E, 25 Aug. 2006, KT (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, 1 ♂, Gemsbokrivier-Pad, 4.5 km NE of Grootdrif, road side, 170 m, 31°25'54" S, 18°55'16" E, 17 Aug. 2010, MK (NHML); 4 ♀♀, 3 ♂♂, idem, 19 Aug. 2010, MK (NHML); 10 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂, idem, 20 Aug. 2010, MK (NHML); 4 ♀♀, idem, 10 Sep. 2010, MK (NHML); 2 ♀♀, 6 ♂♂, idem, 15 Aug. 2011, MK (NHML); 6 ♀♀, 9 ♂♂, idem, 20 Aug. 2011, MK (NHML); 66 ♀♀, 98 ♂♂, idem, 9 Aug. 2012, MK (SANC: 10 ♀♀, 10 ♂♂, NHML: 43 ♀♀, 88 ♂♂, RCMK: 13 ♀♀); 5 ♀♀, 27 ♂♂, idem, 17 Aug. 2012, MK (NHML); 8 ♀♀, 19 ♂♂, idem, 22 Aug. 2012, MK (NHML); 1 ♀, idem, 4 Sep. 2012, MK (RCMK); 4 ♀♀, Knersvlakte, path along Gemsbokrivier, 195 m, 31°26'40" S, 18°56'23" E, 14 Sep. 2007, KT (NHML); 9 ♀♀, idem, 21 Sep. 2007, KT, MK (NHML); 2 ♀♀, idem, 24 Aug. 2008, MK (NHML); 1 ♂, 15 km SE of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Grootfontein, dolerite hill, 790 m, 31°30'06" S, 19°13'27" E, 11 Sep. 2009, MK (NHML); 1 ♀, 1 ♂, 20 km S of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Papkuilsfontein, Fynbos, 680 m, 31°33'16" S, 19°08'31" E, 7 Sep. 2007, MK (NHML); 4 ♀♀, 17 ♂♂, Farm Kanolfontein, 20 km W of Sutherland, road side, 1385 m, 32°24'43" S, 20°27'28" E, 7 Sep. 2012, MK (RCMK); 3 ♀♀, 5 ♂♂, Farm De Kom, 40 km SSE of Sutherland, 1300 m, 32°44'34" S, 20°43'06" E, 8 Sep. 2012, MK (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.5–4.8 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 3B). Clypeus almost flat with sparse, shallow and inconspicuous punctation ($i = 2-3$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth or only

superficially sculptured, shiny, basally more heavily sculptured and matt (Figs 3B, 4A–B). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures with variable sculpture, from superficially reticulate and shiny to strongly reticulate and matt; disc very sparsely ($i = 3-5$ d), finely and

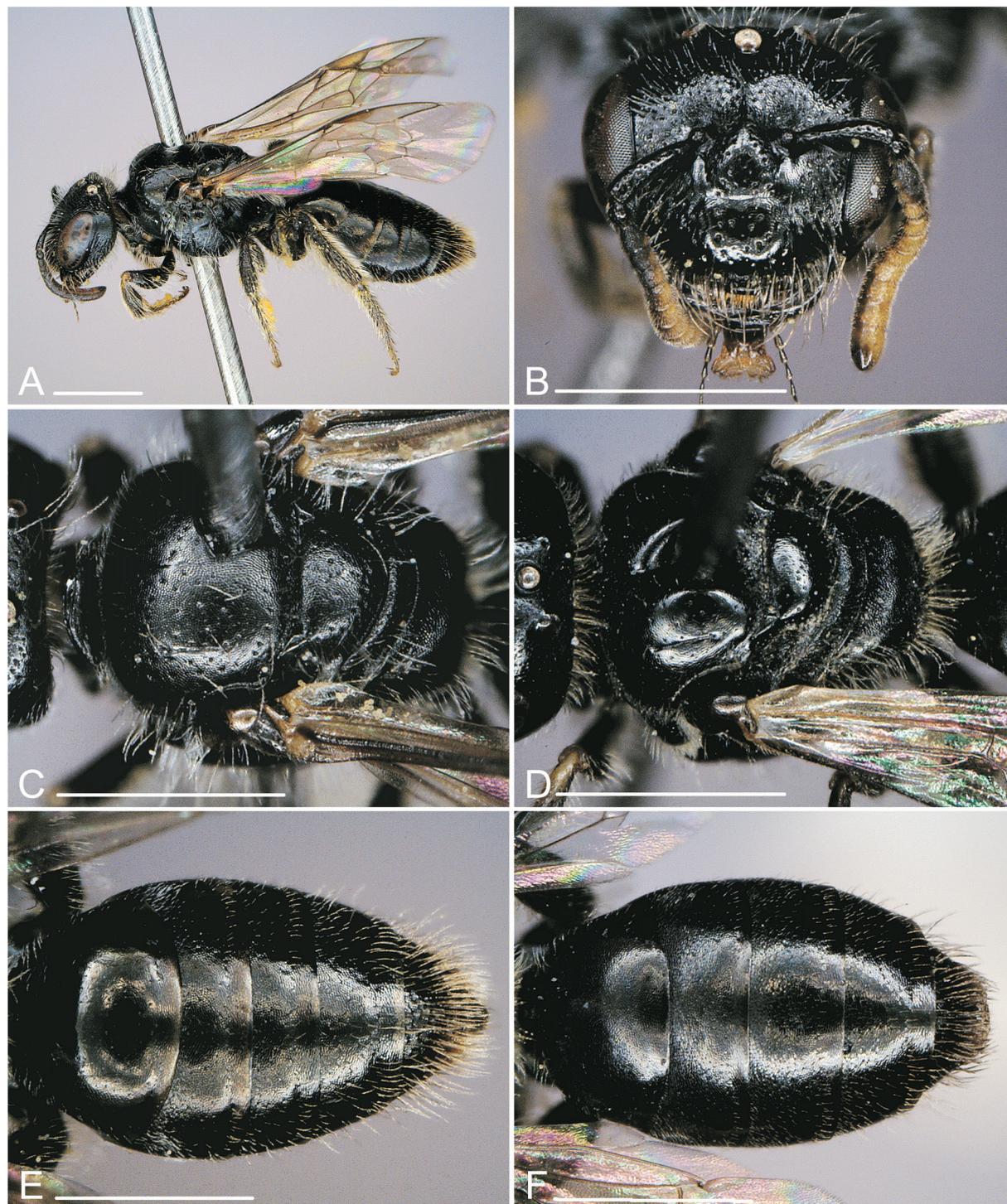


Fig. 3. *Scapter albitarsis* (Fries, 1909), ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Head. **C.** Thorax (dorsal view). **D.** Thorax (dorsal view). **E.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **F.** Metasoma (dorsal view). Scale bars: 1 mm.

shallowly punctate (Figs 3C–D, 4C–D). Metanotum half as long as basal area of propodeum, apically with indistinct narrow carinate depression (Fig. 4C–D). Propodeum basally without or with very weak carination (Fig. 4C–D). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short greyish, erect hair (Fig. 3A).

WINGS. Yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia anteriorly in the basal half with a yellowish-brown spot. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, often dorsally blackish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga sometimes narrowly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 3E–F). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair; following terga with increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 3E–F). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae sparse, greyish-brown. T1 impunctate, ± densely sculptured and matt; following terga usually with stronger sculpture, sometimes with very fine, dispersed and superficial punctation; T2–T4 with matt, relatively broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 3E–F).

Male

BODY LENGTH. 3.8–4.7 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear.

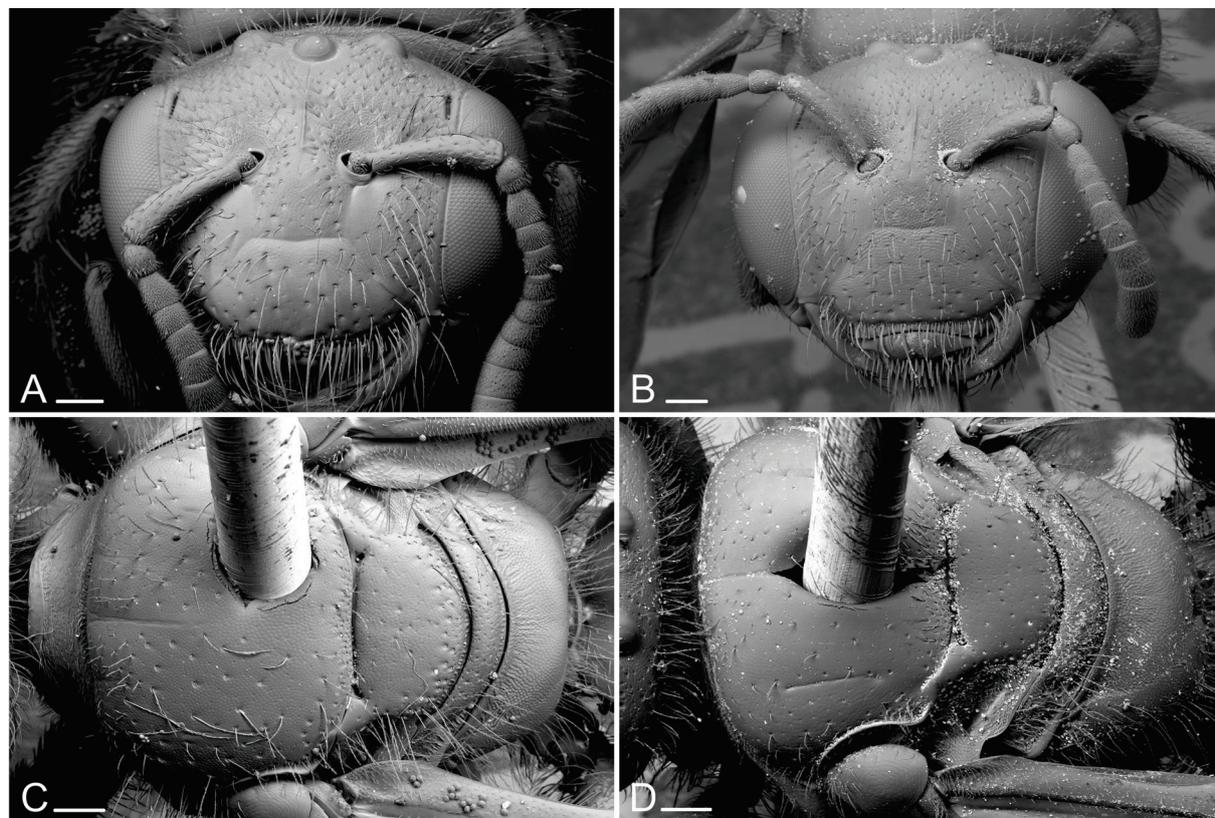


Fig. 4. *Scapter albitarsis* (Frieze, 1909), ♀, all SEM. A. Head. B. Head. C. Thorax (dorsal view). D. Thorax (dorsal view). Scale bars: 0.1 mm.

,ntenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally yellowish-brown except last three flagellar segments completely brown (Fig. 5A).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc almost impunctate, strongly reticulate and matt. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 5A).

WINGS. Yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black, tarsi, fore tibia anteriorly, mid tibia basally and apically and hind tibia apically, sometimes basally yellow to yellowish-brown (Fig. 5A). Hind tibia unmodified. Vestiture greyish-white.

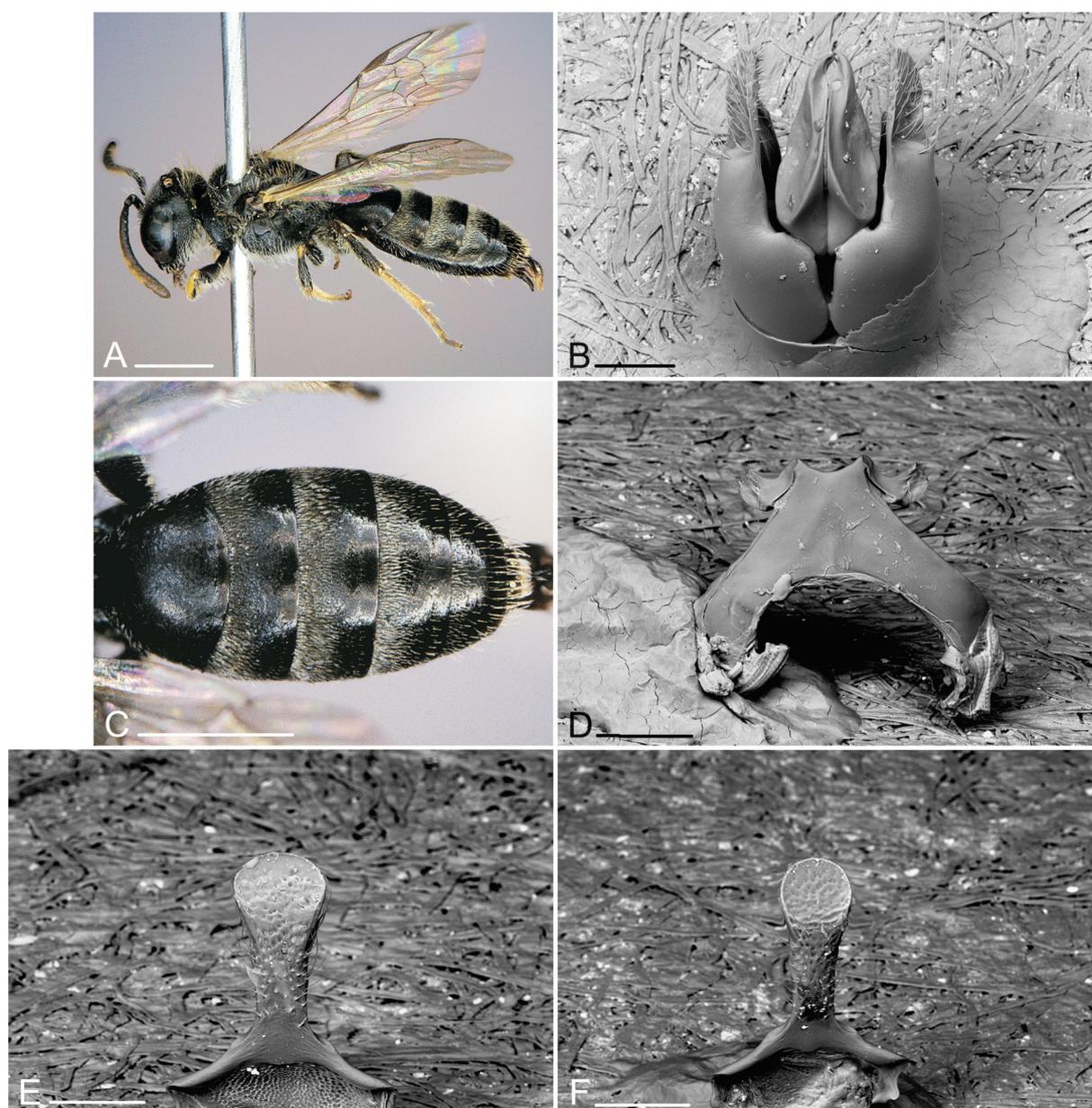


Fig. 5. *Scapter albitarsis* (Fries, 1909), ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** S8, apical end (SEM). **F.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 5C). Disc of T1 without hair; T2–T4 basally with a broad and dense band of very fine, short, erect, silverish hair covering about half of the terga; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 5C). Terga impunctate, heavily sculptured and matt; terga with broad and sculptured apical tergal depression (Fig. 5C). S3–S5 with sparse apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 5B), S7 (Fig. 5D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 5E–F) as illustrated.

Distribution

The species is apparently widespread in the South African winter rainfall region from low lying areas to the mountains.

Floral hosts

Aizoaceae: *Galenia sarcophylla*, *Galenia* sp., *Ruschia* sp.

Seasonal activity

August–September.

Scapter exiguus sp. nov.

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Figs 6–7

Diagnosis

The female of *S. exiguus* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: supraclypeal area, clypeus (Fig. 6C–D) and mesepisternum shiny, only partly and superficially reticulate, scutum sparsely punctate, looking almost impunctate and shiny (Fig. 6E–F), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black (Fig. 6B). The male is characterized by an unmodified antenna, simple and black hind tibia, hind basitarsus yellowish (Fig. 7A), S7 with apicolateral lobes and apical emargination narrow and deep (Fig. 7D).

Etymology

The name “*exiguus*” (lat. small) refers to the small size and the inconspicuous appearance of the species. *Scapter exiguus* sp. nov. was named by the winners of the competition “Build and observe” organized by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research as part of the Science Year 2012 “Project Earth: Our Future”. The first prize was awarded to the most original wild bee “hotel” (artificial nesting site), built by the study group “Tierpark AG” at the grammar school in Nordhorn (NW Germany) and involved (in alphabetical order) Melina Hages, Anna Hensen, Theresa Honikel, Marleen Kleinert and Anna-Lena Steußloff.

Type material (44 specimens)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♀, W. Cape, Knersvlakte, Sukkulent Karoo, 30 km N of Vanrhynsdorp, 146 m, 31°22'23" S, 18°42'37" E, 5–6 Sep. 2003, K. Timmermann (SANC).

Paratypes

SOUTH AFRICA: 11 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂, same data as holotype, (SANC 4 ♀♀, 1 ♂, NHML 4 ♀♀, RCMK 3 ♀♀, 1 ♂); 1 ♂, idem, 22 Aug. 2003, KT (NHML); 3 ♂♂, idem, 5 Sep. 2003, KT (NHML 1 ♂, RCMK 2 ♂♂); 2 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂, idem, 6 Sep. 2003, KT (RCMK); 1 ♀, 2 ♂♂, idem, 11 Sep. 2003, KT (NHML 1 ♀, SANC 2 ♂♂); 1 ♀, Leliefontein, plain, blue trap, 30.23360° S, 18.16459° E, 7 Sep. 2002, C. Mayer (RCMK);

1 ♀, Remhoogte, plain, white trap, 30.23530° S, 18.16568° E, 23 Sep. 2003, C. Mayer (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, W. Cape, Knersvlakte, Sukkulent Karoo, 40 km N of Vanrhynsdorp, Farm Kalkgat, 140 m, 31°07'04" S, 18°55'18" E, 10 Sep. 2003, KT (RCMK); 2 ♂♂, idem, 14 Sep. 2003, KT (NHML, RCMK); 1 ♀, 35 km W of Springbok, 29°37' S, 17°31' E, 28 Sep. 1997, MK (RCMK); 1 ♀, N. Cape, S of Kliphoogte, 466 m, 29°03' S, 17°24' E, 14 Sep. 2011, L. Packer (PCYU); 1 ♀, N. Cape, 21.6 km E of Springbok, 1006 m, 29°34' S, 18°04' E, 26 Sep. 2011, L. Packer (PCYU); 1 ♀, Knersvlakte, along Gemsbokrivier-Pad, 120–195 m, 31°23'57" S, 18°54'11" E, 14 Sep. 2007, MK (RCMK); 1 ♀, Gemsbokrivier-Pad, 4.5 km NE of Grootdrif, road side, 170 m, 31°25'54" E, 18°55'16" E, 15 Aug. 2011, MK (RCMK); 3 ♀♀,

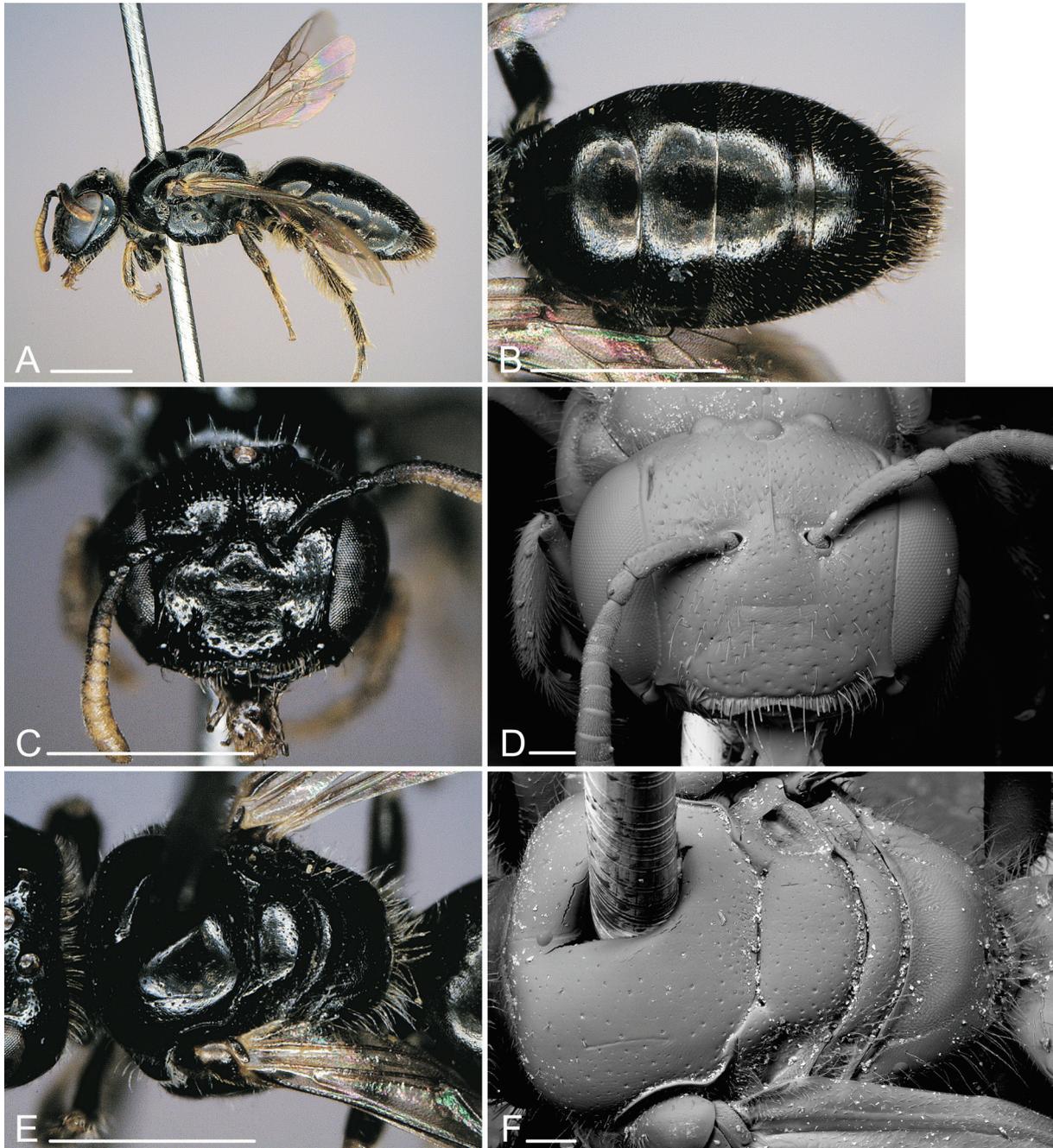


Fig. 6. *Scapter exiguus* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **C.** Head. **D.** Head (SEM). **E.** Thorax (dorsal view). **F.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

idem, 20 Aug. 2011, MK (RCMK); 1 ♀, W. Cape, Farm Kaaps SE of Drif, Knersvlakte, 31°26′01″ S, 18°47′34″ E, 22 Sep. 1999, MK (RCMK); 1 ♀, Knersvlakte, path along Gemsbokrivier, 195 m, 31°26′40″ S, 18°56′23″ E, 14 Sep. 2007, KT (RCMK); 3 ♀♀, idem, 21 Sep. 2007, KT (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.4–4.8 mm.

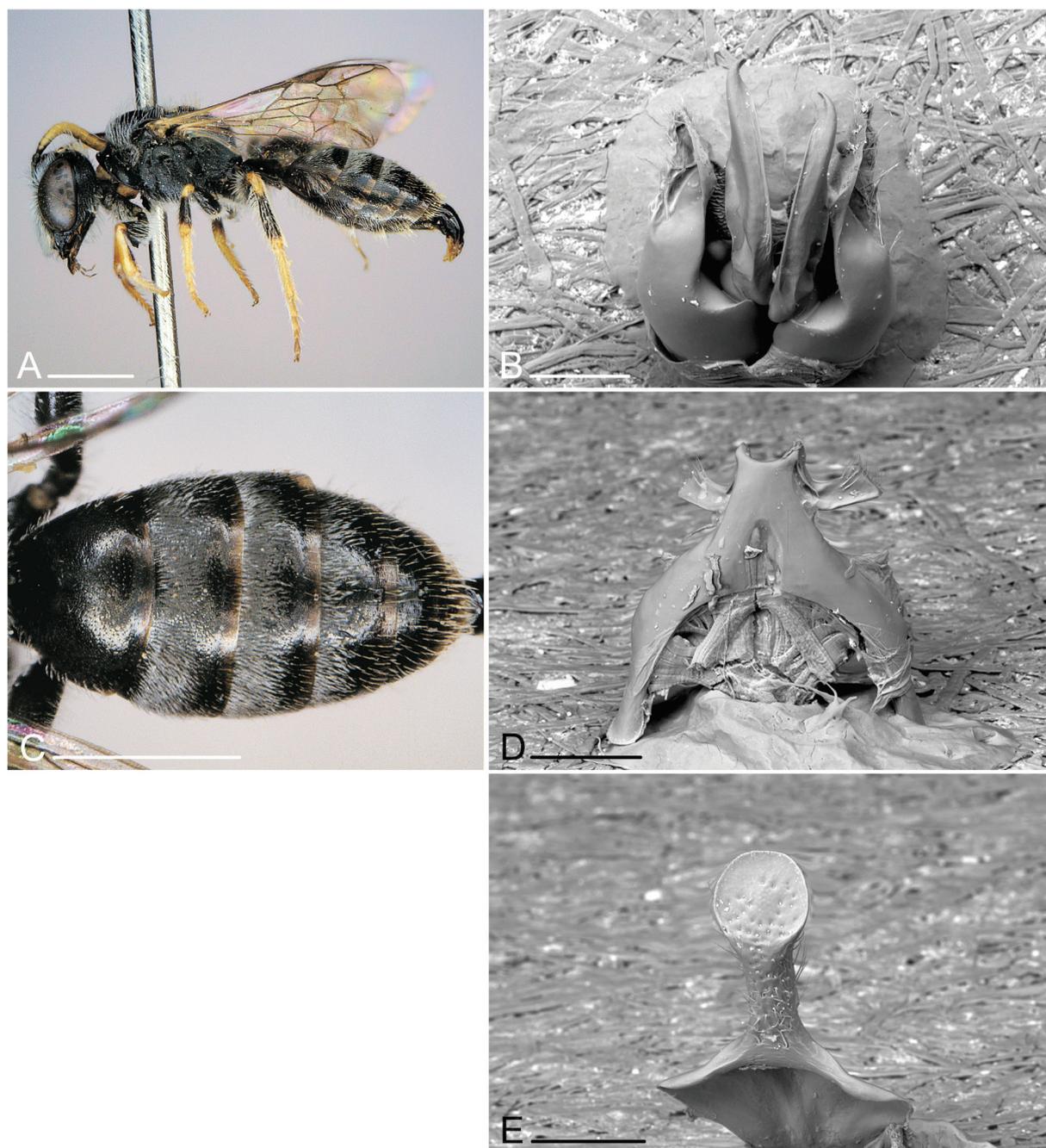


Fig. 7. *Scrapper exiguus* sp. nov., ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 6C). Clypeus almost flat with dispersed large, shallow punctation ($i = 1-2$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth or only superficially sculptured, shiny, basally more heavily sculptured and matt (Fig. 6C–D). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures smooth or with superficial sculpture, shiny; disc very sparsely ($i = 3-5$ d), finely and shallowly punctate (Fig. 6E–F). Metanotum about 3/4 as long as basal area of propodeum, apically with distinct narrow carinate depression (Fig. 6F). Propodeum basally without carination (Fig. 6F). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 6A).

WINGS. Yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia anteriorly dominantly yellowish-brown. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, dorsally blackish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga sometimes narrowly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 6B). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair; following terga with increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 6B). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae sparse, yellowish-brown. T1 impunctate, superficially to \pm densely sculptured and mostly shiny; following terga usually with stronger sculpture, sometimes with very fine, dispersed and superficial punctation; T2–T4 with finely sculptured, relatively broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 6B).

Male

BODY LENGTH. 4.3–4.8 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally yellowish-brown except last three flagellar segments completely or largely brown (Fig. 7A).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc almost impunctate, strongly reticulate and matt. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 7A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black, tarsi, fore tibia anteriorly (posteriorly brown), mid and hind tibia basally and apically yellow to yellowish-brown (Fig. 7A). Hind tibia unmodified. Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 7C). Disc of T1 without hair; T2–T4 basally with a broad and dense band of very fine, short, erect, silverish hair covering about half of the terga; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 7C). Terga impunctate, sculptured and slightly matt; terga with broad and slightly sculptured apical tergal depression (Fig. 7C). S3–S5 with sparse apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 7B), S7 (Fig. 7D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 7E) as illustrated.

Distribution

The species is known from a few places across Namaqualand.

Floral hosts

Aizoaceae: *Galenia sarcophylla*.

Seasonal activity

August–September.

Scapter gessorum sp. nov.

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Fig. 8

Diagnosis

The female of *S. gessorum* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: facial fovea long (Fig. 8D), scutum sparsely punctate, looking almost impunctate and shiny (Fig. 8E–F), mesepisternum strongly reticulate, stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black (Fig. 8B). The male is unknown.

Etymology

Named after Friedrich† and Sarah Gess from the Albany Museum in Grahamstown who have done pioneering research on the bees and aculeate wasps of southern Africa. Their support of my taxonomic studies on southern African bees is much appreciated.

Type material (2 specimens)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♀, Cape Province, Willowmore / 000368, 33°17' S, 23°28' E, 7 Oct. 1971, C. Jacot-Guillarmod (identified as *Scapter albitarsis* (Friese), det. C.D. Eardley 1995) (AMGS).

Paratype

SOUTH AFRICA: 1 ♀, Nieuwoudtville, path to farm Glenlyon, 740 m, 31°23'24" S, 19°09'06" E, 7 Sep. 2007, on *Ruschia unca*, KT (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.8 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 8C). Clypeus almost flat with dense large, shallow punctation ($i = 1.5\text{--}2.0$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth or only superficially sculptured, shiny, basally more heavily sculptured and matt (Fig. 8C–D). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures with superficial sculpture, shiny; disc very sparsely ($i = 3\text{--}5$ d), finely and shallowly punctate (Fig. 8E–F). Metanotum about 3/4 as long as basal area of propodeum, apically with indistinct, narrow, carinate depression (Fig. 8F). Propodeum basilaterally with shallow carination (Fig. 8F). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 8A).

WINGS. Yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia anteriorly dominantly yellowish-brown, mid tibia basally with small yellow spot (Fig. 8A). Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, dorsally blackish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga sometimes narrowly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 8B). Disc of T1 without hair; following terga with increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 8B). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae sparse, greyish-brown. T1 impunctate, superficially sculptured and shiny; following terga with stronger sculpture, partly with

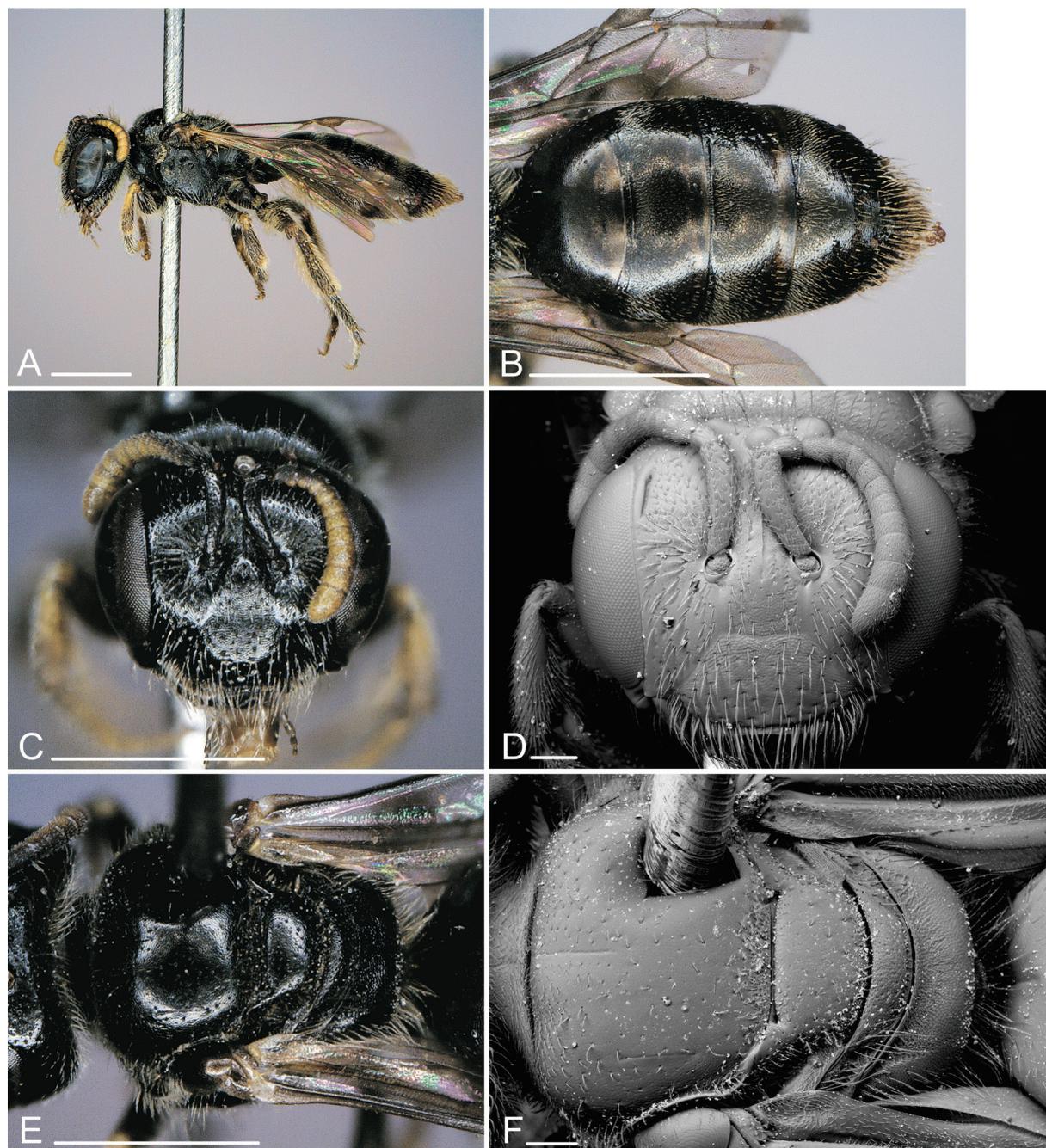


Fig. 8. *Scapter gessorum* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **C.** Head. **D.** Head (SEM). **E.** Thorax (dorsal view). **F.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

very fine, dispersed and superficial punctation; T2–T4 with finely sculptured, relatively broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 8B).

Male

Unknown.

Distribution

The species is just known from two localities that are about 450 km apart in the Northern Cape and Eastern Cape provinces.

Floral hosts

Aizoaceae: *Ruschia unca*.

Seasonal activity

September–October.

Scapter glareus Davies, 2005

Fig. 9

Scapter glareus Davies, 2005: 166–168, figs 27–30, holotype ♂ (type locality: Knersvlakte, 30 km N of Vanrhynsdorp, South Africa) (SANC).

Diagnosis

The male of *S. glareus* can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: antenna unmodified, hind tibia simple and yellow with a brown spot on the back side, hind basitarsus yellowish (Fig. 9A), form of S7 (Fig. 9D). The female is unknown.

Material examined

No additional material examined.

Description

Male

BODY LENGTH. 5.6–5.8 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally yellowish-brown except last two to three flagellar segments completely or largely brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc densely but shallowly punctate ($i = 1.0\text{--}1.5$ d), strongly reticulate and matt. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 9A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma yellowish-brown.

LEGS. Integument black, tarsi, tibiae and femora apically yellow, tibia posteriorly with large brown spot (Fig. 9A). Hind tibia unmodified. Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly translucent dark yellowish to reddish-brown (Fig. 9C). Disc of T1 without hair; T2–T4 basally with a broad and dense band of very fine, short, erect,

silverish hair covering about 2/3 of the terga; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 9C). Terga impunctate, sculptured and slightly matt; terga with broad and superficially sculptured, shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 9C). S3–S5 without distinct apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 9B), S7 (Fig. 9D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 9E) as illustrated.

Female

Unknown.

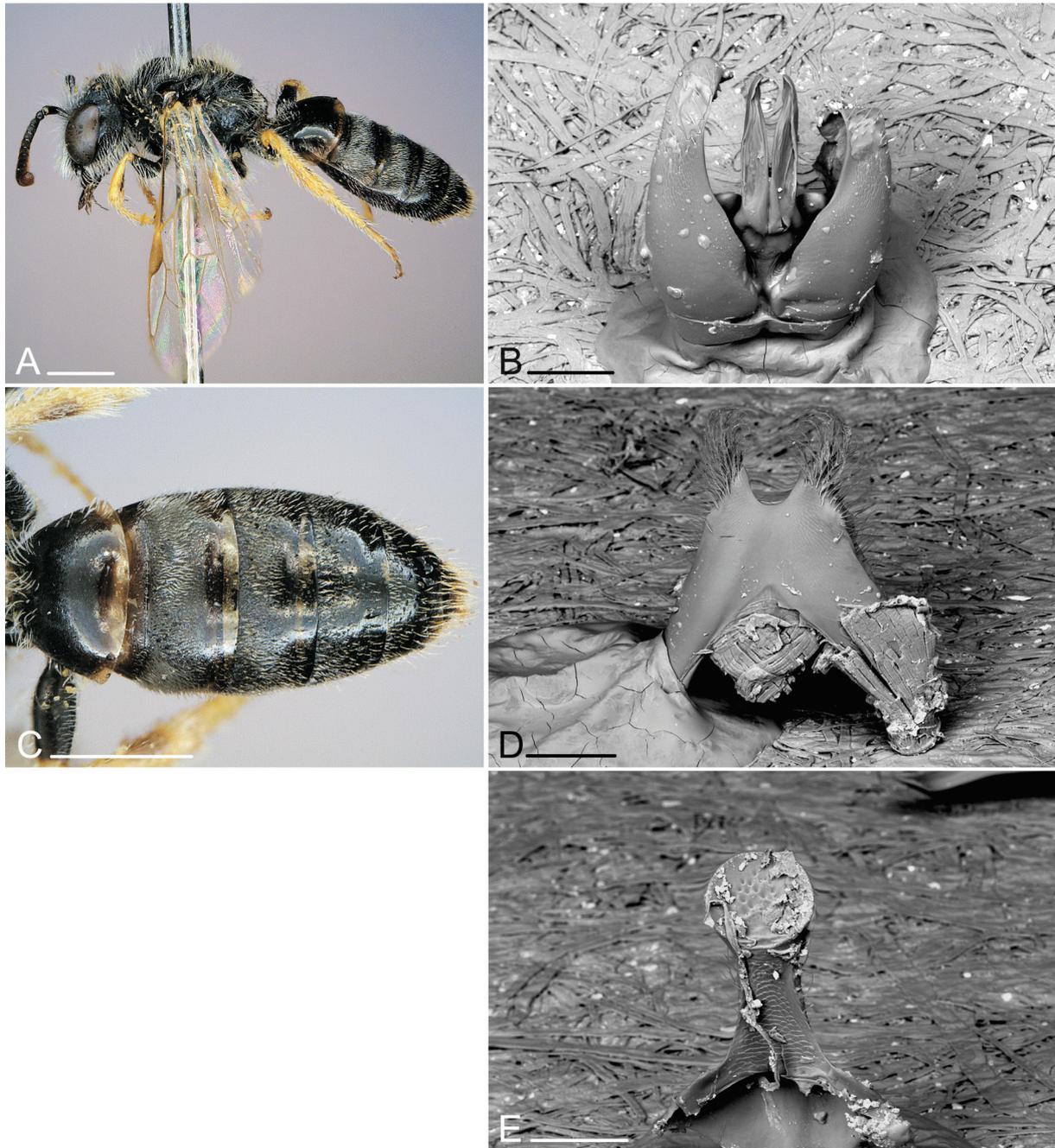


Fig. 9. *Scapter glareus* Davies, ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Distribution

The species is only known from the Knersvlakte, a semi-desert plane in southern Namaqualand.

Floral hosts

Unknown.

Seasonal activity

September.

Scapter inexpectatus sp. nov.

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Fig. 10

Diagnosis

The female of *S. inexpectatus* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: supraclypeal area and clypeus very sparsely and finely punctate, strongly reticulate and matt (Fig. 10C–D), scutum densely and coarsely punctate (Fig. 10E–F), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black (Fig. 10B). The male is unknown.

Etymology

The discovery of such an unusual species was unexpected, which is reflected in its name.

Type material (2 specimens)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♀, 21 km E of Lambert's Bay, 122 m, 32°08'02" S, 18°30'01" E, 22 Sep. 2001 (identified as *S. albitarsis* (Fries), det. 2005 GBP Davies) (CUIC).

Paratype

SOUTH AFRICA: 1 ♀, Sauer, 32°50' S, 18°34' E, 21 Oct. 2008, T.L. Griswold (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.6 mm.

HEAD. Head longer than wide. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 10C). Clypeus slightly convex with sparse, fine and shallow punctation ($i = 2-3$ d); surface between punctures densely sculptured and matt (Fig. 10C–D). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures densely reticulate and matt; disc densely ($i = 0.5-1.0$ d) and finely punctate (Fig. 10E–F). Metanotum about 2/3 as long as basal area of propodeum, apically with narrow carinate depression (Fig. 10F). Propodeum basally finely carinate (Fig. 10F). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 10A).

WINGS. Yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black. Discs of T1 and T2 without hair, following terga with very few and short hairs; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 10B). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae blackish-brown. T1 densely ($i = 1 d$) but very finely punctate, apically a bit coarser, between punctures superficially sculptured and slightly matt; on following terga punctation slightly larger and stronger sculpture; T2–T4 with superficially sculptured and shiny, narrow apical tergal depression (Fig. 10B).

Male

Unknown.

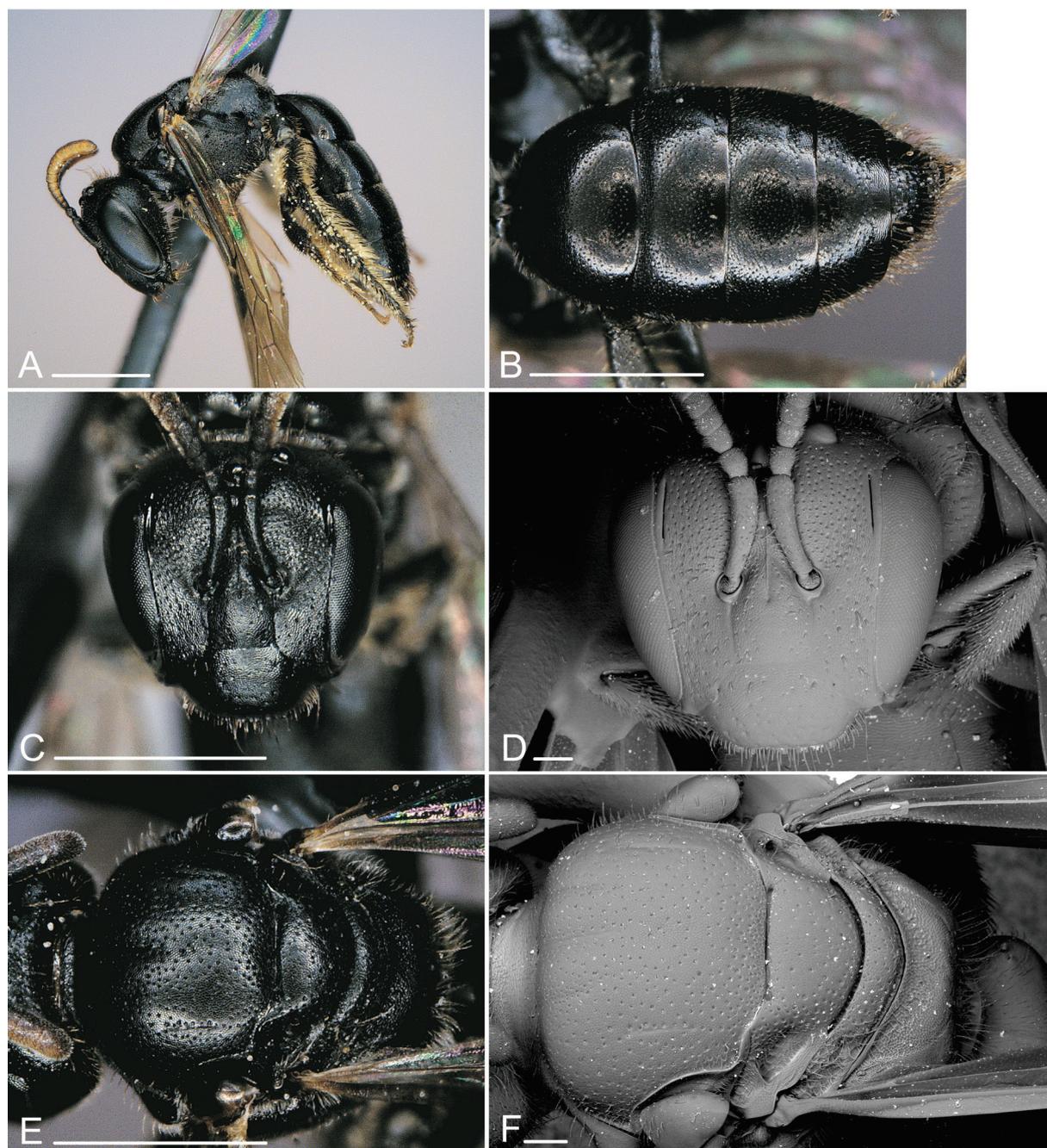


Fig. 10. *Scapter inexpectatus* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **C.** Head. **D.** Head (SEM). **E.** Thorax (dorsal view). **F.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Distribution

The species is just known from two sites in the western part of the Western Cape Province.

Floral hosts

Unknown.

Seasonal activity

September–October.

Scapter luteistigma sp. nov.

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Figs 11–12

Diagnosis

Both the female and male of *S. luteistigma* sp. nov. can be separated from all other species of this group by the bright yellowish stigma (Figs 11A, 12A).

Etymology

Named after the unique bright yellow stigma in the forewing of both males and females.

Type material (77 specimens)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♀, Gemsbokrivier-Pad, 4.5 km NE of Grootdrif, road side, 170 m, 31°25'54" S, 18°55'16" E, 22 Aug. 2012, MK (SANC).

Paratypes

SOUTH AFRICA: 43 ♀♀, same data as holotype (SANC 5 ♀♀, NHML 25 ♀♀, RCMK 13 ♀♀); 1 ♀, idem, 20 Aug. 2010, MK (NHML); 2 ♀♀, 1 ♂, idem, 15 Aug. 2011, MK (NHML 2 ♀♀, RCMK 1 ♂); 1 ♀, idem, 20 Aug. 2011, MK (NHML); 1 ♂, idem, 9 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 4 ♀♀, idem, 17 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 15 ♀♀, idem, 4 Sep. 2012, MK (NHML 12 ♀♀, RCMK 3 ♀♀); 6 ♀♀, Knersvlakte, 5 km N of Grootdrif, 195 m, 31°26'40" S, 18°56'23" E, 21 Sep. 2007, KT (NHML 2 ♀♀, RCMK 4 ♀♀); 2 ♀♀, idem, 24 Aug. 2008, MK (NHML, RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.5–5.2 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 11C). Clypeus slightly convex with sparse fine and shallow punctation ($i = 2-3$ d); surface between punctures apically superficial and shiny, basally distinctly reticulate and matt (Fig. 11C–D). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally light brown, ventrally yellowish-brown (Fig. 11C).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures densely reticulate, matt; disc sparsely ($i = 3-5$ d) and shallowly punctate (Fig. 11E–F). Metanotum slightly shorter than basal area of propodeum, apically with narrow carinate depression (Fig. 11F). Propodeum broadly but finely carinate (Fig. 11F). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 11A).

WINGS. Yellowish-brown; wing venation yellowish-brown, stigma bright yellowish (Fig. 11A).

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore and mid tibia basally with small yellowish spot. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga narrowly translucent yellowish to reddish-brown (Fig. 11B). Discs of T1–T4 without hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 11B).

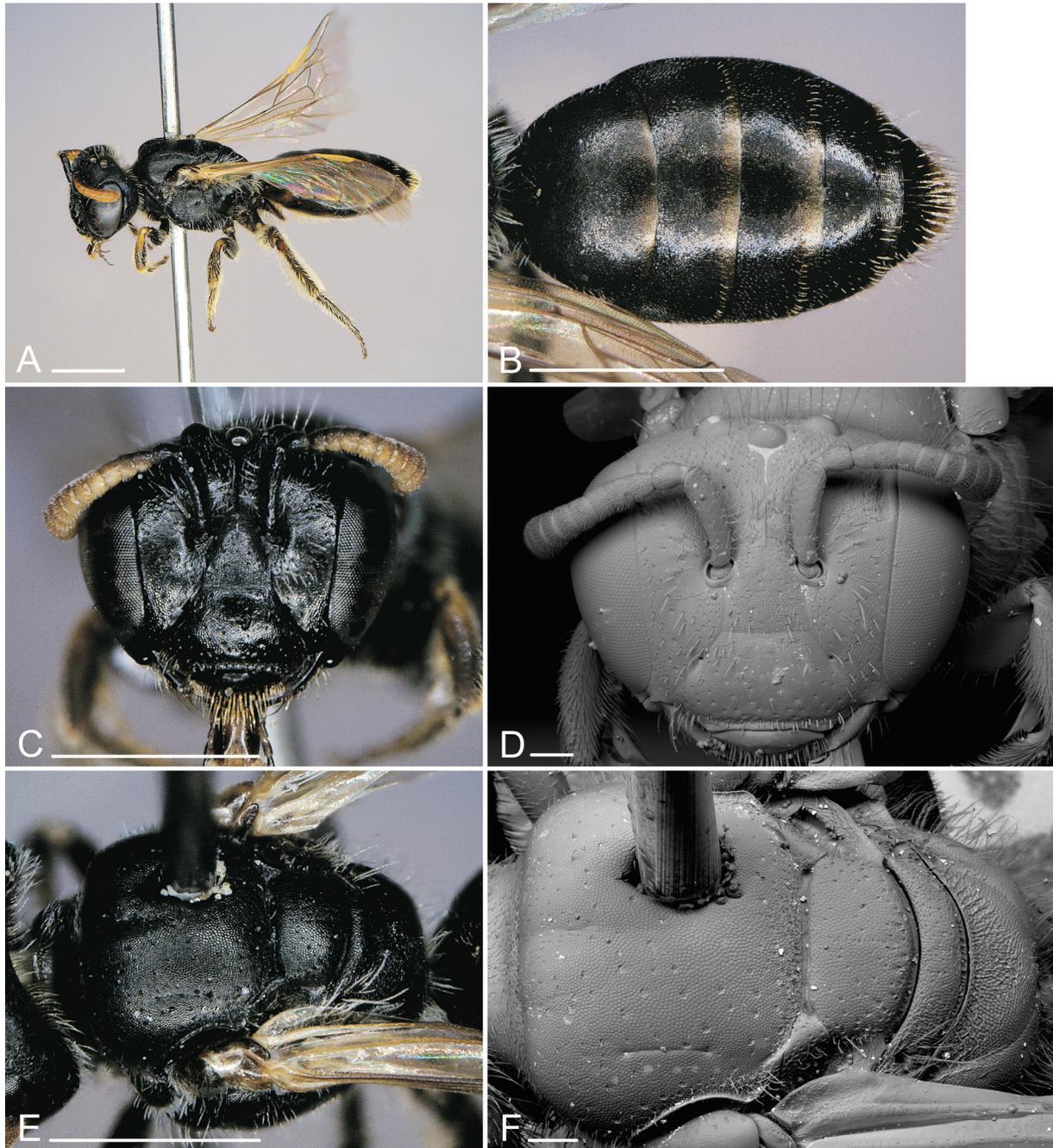


Fig. 11. *Scapter luteistigma* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **C.** Head. **D.** Head (SEM). **E.** Thorax (dorsal view). **F.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae yellowish-brown. Terga impunctate, densely sculptured and matt; T2–T4 with indistinct, narrow apical tergal depression (Fig. 11B).

Male

BODY LENGTH. 4.4–4.7 mm.

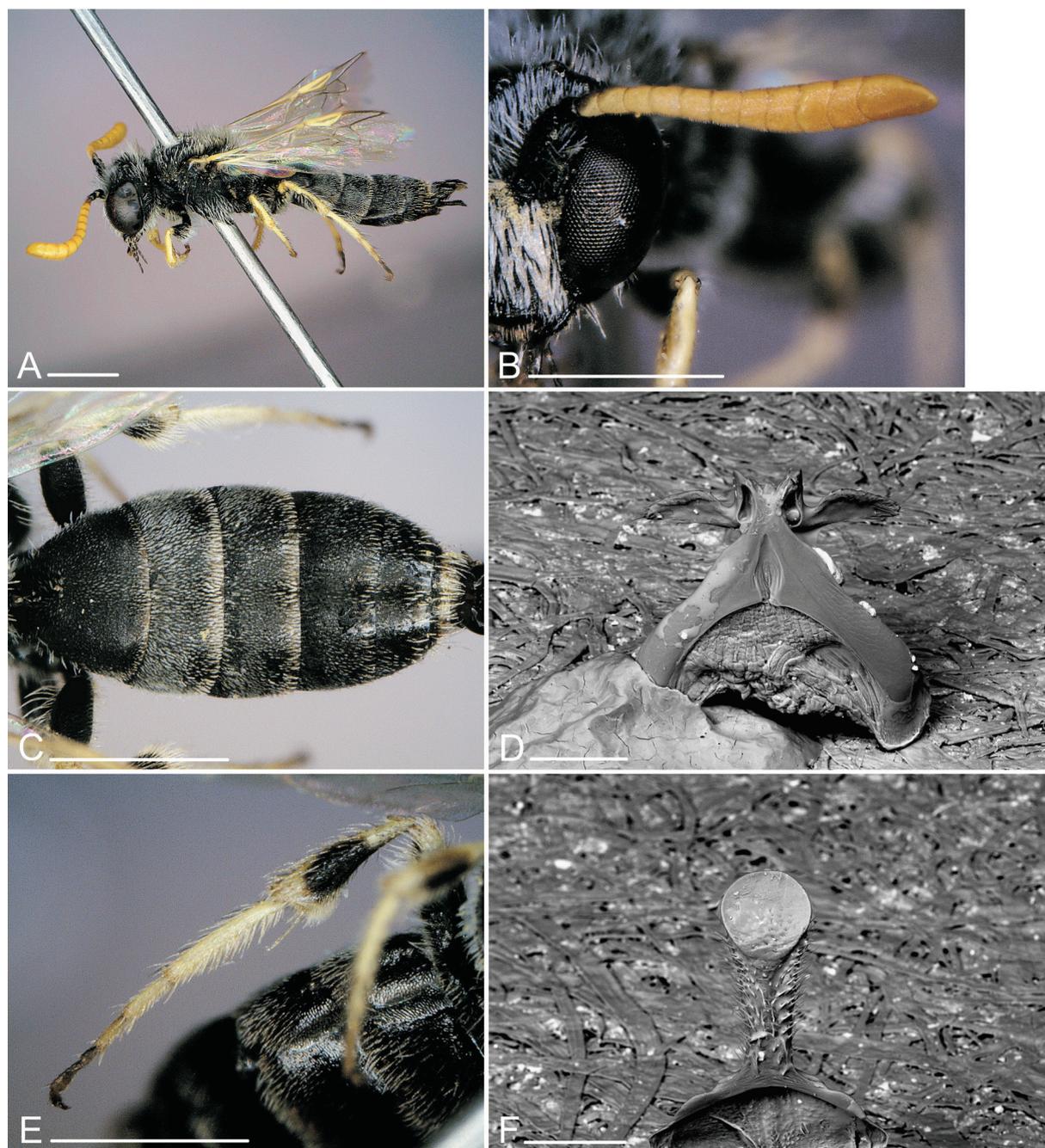


Fig. 12. *Scrapper luteistigma* sp. nov., ♂. A. Lateral view. B. Antenna. C. Metasoma (dorsal view). D. S7 (dorsal view, SEM). E. Hind tibia. F. S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antennal flagellum bright yellowish-orange, medioapically broadened (Fig. 12B).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc impunctate, strongly and densely sculptured, completely matt. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 12A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation yellowish-brown, stigma bright yellow (Fig. 12A).

LEGS. Integument black, tarsi, tibiae and femora apically yellow, tibia on both sides with darker spots of variable size (Fig. 12A, E). Hind tibia basally slightly curved, apically broadened and with a dense tuft of short, white hair on the inside (Fig. 12E). Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga narrowly translucent yellowish-brown (Fig. 12C). T1 medially, T2 densely and following terga successively less covered with short, appressed scale-like hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 12C). Terga impunctate, densely sculptured and matt; terga with narrow apical tergal depression (Fig. 12C). S3–S5 without conspicuous apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. S7 (Fig. 12D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 12F) as illustrated.

Distribution

The species is only known from the type locality in the Knersvlakte, a semi-desert plain in southern Namaqualand.

Floral hosts

Aizoaceae: *Galenia sarcophylla*.

Seasonal activity

August–September.

Scapter minutissimus sp. nov.

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Fig. 13

Diagnosis

The male of *S. minutissimus* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: antenna unmodified, hind tibia simple and black, hind basitarsus yellowish (Fig. 13A) and S7 without apicolateral lobes (Fig. 13D). The female is unknown.

Etymology

Named for the very small body size of the species.

Type material (3 specimens)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♂, Leliefontein, slope, yellow + white trap, 30.22520° S, 18.13572° E, 25 Sep. 2003, C. Mayer (SANC).

Paratypes

SOUTH AFRICA: 1 ♂, Leliefontein, plain, white trap, 30.23391° S, 18.16476° E, 7 Sep. 2003, C. Mayer (RCMK); 1 ♂, Remhoogte, plain, white trap, 30.23453° S, 18.16499° E, 11 Sep. 2003, C. Mayer (RCMK).

Description

Male

BODY LENGTH. 3.5–4.3 mm.

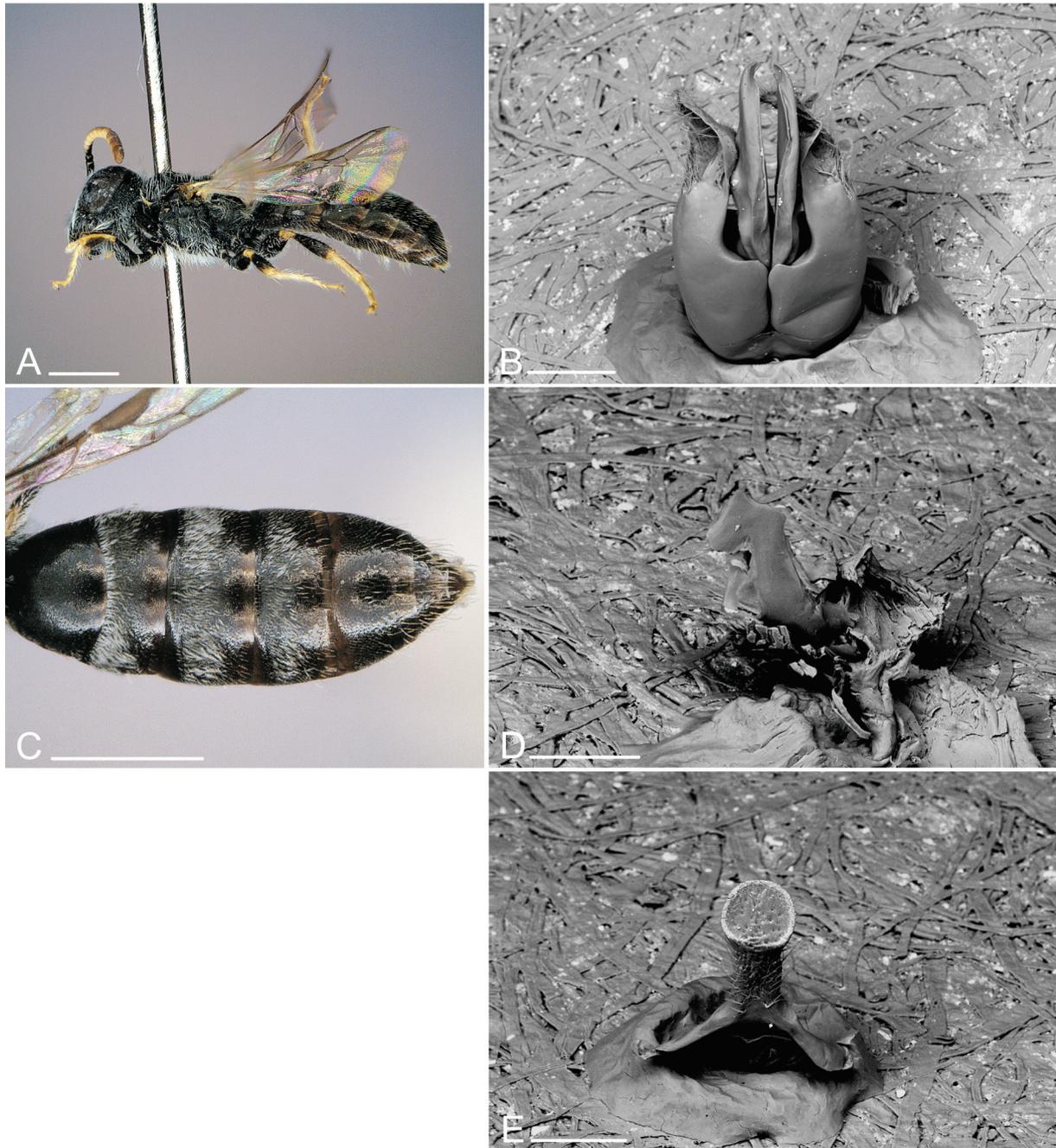


Fig. 13. *Scapter minutissimus* sp. nov., ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view), left half missing (SEM). **E.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally yellowish-brown except last two to three flagellar segments completely or largely brown (Fig. 13A).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc impunctate, strongly sculptured and matt. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 13A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black, tarsi, fore tibia anteriorly (posteriorly brown), mid and hind tibia basally and apically yellow to yellowish-brown (Fig. 13A). Hind tibia unmodified. Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 13C). Disc of T1 without hair; T2–T4 basally with a broad and dense band of very fine, short, erect, silverish hair covering about half of the terga; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 13C). Terga impunctate, sculptured and matt; terga with narrow and slightly sculptured, shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 13C). S3–S5 without distinct apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 13B), S7 (Fig. 13D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 13E) as illustrated.

Female

Unknown.

Distribution

The species is only known from the Kamiesberg Mountains.

Floral hosts

Unknown.

Seasonal activity

September.

***Scapter minutuloides* sp. nov.**

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Fig. 14

Diagnosis

The female of *S. minutuloides* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: head distinctly broader than long, supraclypeal area and clypeus densely and distinctly punctate, only partly superficially sculptured and matt (Fig. 14C–D), scutum densely but relatively finely punctate (Fig. 14E–F), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black, terga densely and coarsely punctate (Fig. 14B). The male is unknown.

Etymology

Named for the small body size of the species.

Type material (1 specimen)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♀, W. Cape, Kamiesbergpass, 1077 m, 30°11' S, 17°59' E, 26 Sep. 2011, L. Packer (RCMK).

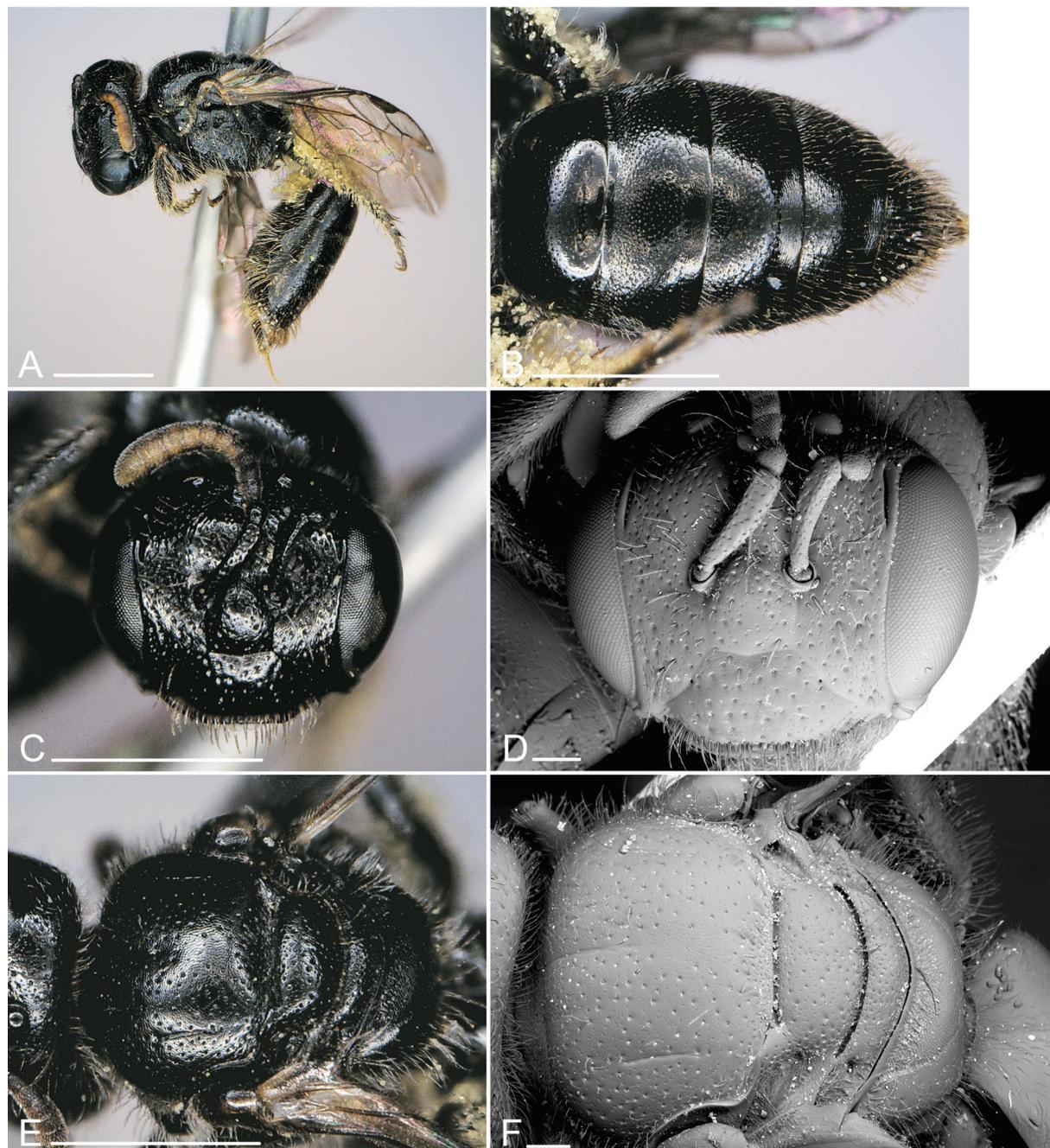


Fig. 14. *Scrapper minutuloides* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **C.** Head. **D.** Head (SEM). **E.** Thorax (dorsal view). **F.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.7 mm.

HEAD. Head wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish-brown, erect hair (Fig. 14C). Clypeus strongly convex with coarse and dense punctation ($i = 1.0\text{--}1.5$ d); surface between punctures mostly smooth and shiny, basally partly superficially sculptured and less shiny (Fig. 14C–D). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown (Fig. 14C).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially reticulate, slightly matt; disc sparsely ($i = 3\text{--}5$ d) and finely punctate (Fig. 14E–F). Metanotum slightly shorter than basal area of propodeum, apically with indistinct, narrow carinate depression (Fig. 14F). Propodeum basally finely but broadly carinate (Fig. 14F). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 14A).

WINGS. Brownish; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, dorsally blackish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly narrowly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 14B). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair, following terga with very short but increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 14B). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae blackish-brown. T1 densely ($i = 1$ d) but very finely punctate, between punctures polished and shiny; T2–T4 basally superficially sculptured, apically smooth and shiny, with dense ($i = 0.5\text{--}1.0$ d), fine, superficial punctation; T2–T4 with superficially sculptured, broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 14B).

Male

Unknown.

Distribution

The species is only known from the Kamiesberg Mountains.

Floral hosts

Unknown.

Seasonal activity

September.

Scapter minutus sp. nov.

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Fig. 15

Diagnosis

The female of *S. minutus* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: head about as long as broad, supraclypeal area and clypeus densely and distinctly punctate, only partly superficially sculptured and matt (Fig. 15B), scutum densely but relatively finely punctate, metanotum apically without distinct carinate depression (Fig. 15C–D), fore tibia anteriorly largely yellowish-brown, stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black, terga densely and coarsely punctate (Fig. 15E). The male is unknown.

Etymology

Named for the small body size of the species.

Type material (2 specimens)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♀, Hantam Mountains, 30 km N of Calvinia, 880 m, 31°12'09" S, 19°50'04" E, 16 Sep. 2007, K. Timmermann (SANC).

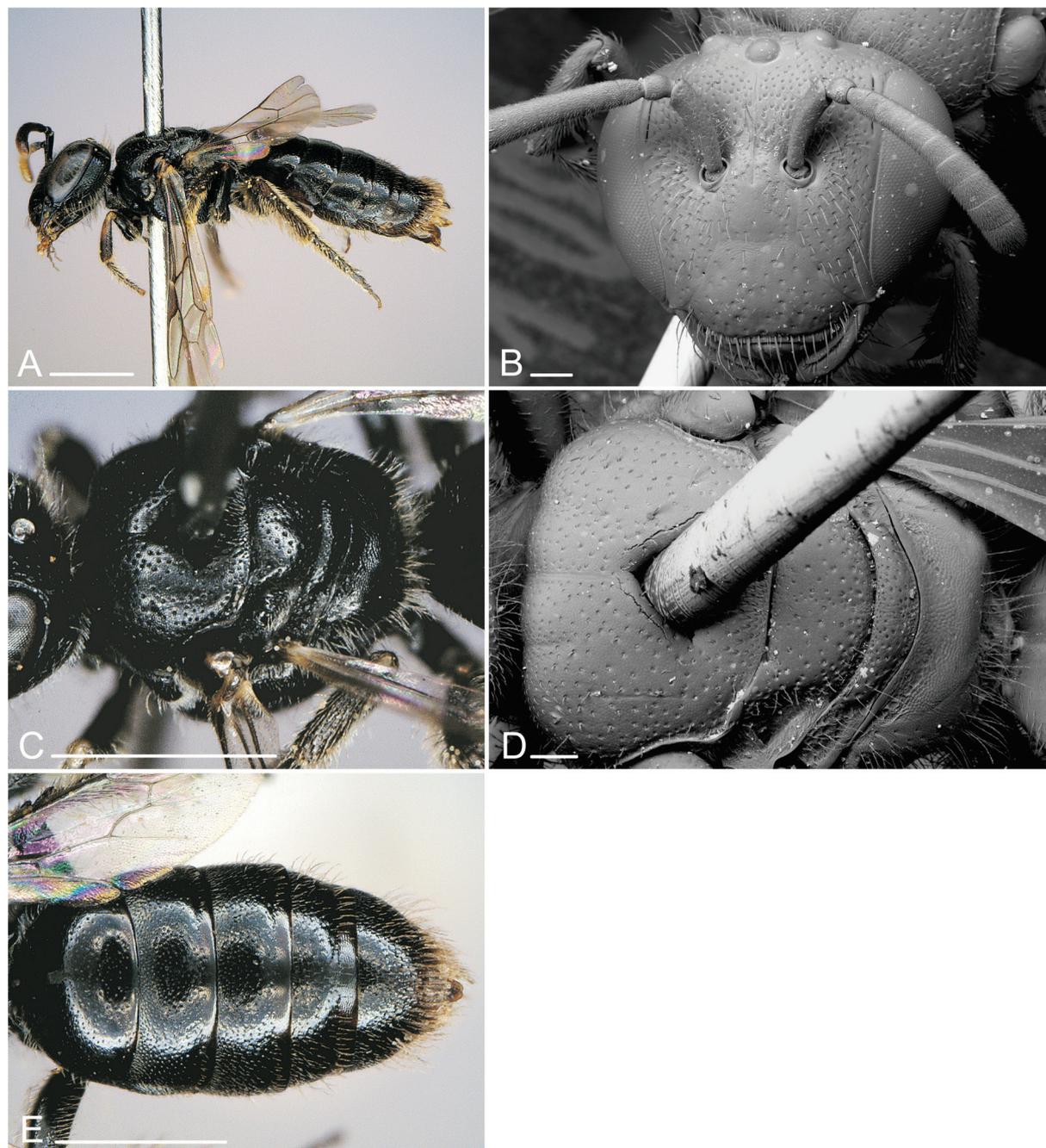


Fig. 15. *Scapter minutus* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Head (SEM). **C.** Thorax (dorsal view). **D.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Metasoma (dorsal view). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Paratype

SOUTH AFRICA: 1 ♀, same data as holotype (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.9 mm.

HEAD. Head about as broad as long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 15A). Clypeus convex with coarse and dense punctation ($i = 1-2$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth and shiny, basally superficially sculptured and less shiny (Fig. 15B). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially reticulate but shiny; disc densely ($i = 1.0-1.5$ d) and finely punctate (Fig. 15C–D). Metanotum slightly shorter than basal area of propodeum, apically with indistinct narrow carinate depression (Fig. 15D). Propodeum basally only laterally finely carinate (Fig. 15D). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 15A).

WINGS. Yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia basally with large yellowish spot (Fig. 15A). Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly narrowly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 15E). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair, following terga with very short but increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 15E). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae greyish-brown. T1 densely ($i = 1.0-1.5$ d) but very finely punctate, between punctures basally superficially sculptured, apically polished and shiny; T2–T4 basally superficially sculptured, apically smooth and shiny, with dense ($i = 1.0-1.5$ d), fine, superficial punctation; T2–T4 with smooth and shiny, broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 15E).

Male

Unknown.

Distribution

The species is only known from the Hantam Mountains.

Floral hosts

Unknown.

Seasonal activity

September.

Scapter nanus sp. nov.

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Figs 16–17

Diagnosis

The female of *S. nanus* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: head distinctly broader than long, supraclypeal area and clypeus densely and distinctly punctate, mostly finely sculptured and matt (Fig. 16C–D), scutum densely but relatively finely punctate, metanotum apically without distinct carinate depression (Fig. 15C–D), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black, terga densely and coarsely punctate (Fig. 16B). The male is characterized by an unmodified antenna, simple and black hind tibia and hind basitarsus (Fig. 17A), almost hairless, punctured and between punctures strongly sculptured abdominal terga (Fig. 17C, E) and form of S7 (Fig. 17D).

Etymology

Named for the small body size of the species.

Type material (172 specimens)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♂, 12 km NW of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Avontuur, Fynbos, 770 m, 31°16'18" S, 19°02'55" E, 16 Aug. 2011, M. Kuhlmann (SANC).

Paratypes

SOUTH AFRICA: 13 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂, same data as holotype (SANC 13 ♀♀, RCMK 2 ♂♂); 2 ♀♀, idem, 19 Sep. 2009, MK (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂, idem, 13 Aug. 2010, MK (NHML 2 ♀♀, 1 ♂, RCMK 1 ♂); 2 ♀♀, idem, 25 Aug. 2010, MK (NHML); 3 ♀♀, 3 ♂♂, idem, 17 Aug. 2011, H. Erhardt (SANC); 2 ♀♀, idem, 29 Aug. 2011, H. Erhardt (SANC); 2 ♀♀, idem, 4 Sep. 2011, H. Erhardt (SANC); 17 ♀♀, 16 ♂♂, idem, 18 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 3 ♀♀, 1 ♂, idem, 24 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 1 ♀, 2 ♂♂, idem, 3 Sep. 2012, MK (RCMK); 3 ♀♀, idem, 5 Sep. 2012, H. Erhardt (RCMK); 4 ♀♀, 1 ♂, N. Cape, Fynbos, 15 km NW of Nieuwoudtville, near Farm Engelsepunt, 843 m, 31°14'08" S, 18°58'23" E, 13 Sep. 2003, KT (NHML); 4 ♀♀, idem, 23 Sep. 2003, KT (NHML); 1 ♀, 1 ♂, N. Cape, Fynbos, 15 km NW of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Engelsepunt, 830 m, 31°14'31" S, 18°59'08" E, 22 Jul. 2003, KT (NHML); 2 ♀♀, idem, 23 Jul. 2003, KT (NHML); 1 ♂, idem, 26 Jul. 2003, KT (NHML); 1 ♀, 11 ♂♂, idem, 6 Aug. 2003, KT (NHML); 2 ♀♀, 12 ♂♂, idem, 7 Aug. 2003, KT (NHML); 7 ♀♀, 4 ♂♂, idem, 27 Aug. 2003, KT (NHML); 5 ♀♀, idem, 28 Aug. 2003, KT (NHML); 1 ♀, idem, 24 Sep. 2003, KT (NHML); 3 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂, idem, 27–29 Aug. 2003, KT (NHML); 1 ♀, Gemsbokrivier-Pad, 4.5 km NE of Grootdrif, road side, 170 m, 31°25'54" S, 18°55'16" E, 17 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 1 ♂, 20 km S of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Papkuilsfontein, Fynbos, 680 m, 31°33'16" S, 19°08'31" E, 27 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 10 ♀♀, 11 ♂♂, Ouberg Pass, 27 km SE of Vanrhynsdorp, Fynbos, 380 m, 31°48'07" S, 18°55'00" E, 8 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, 1 ♂, idem, 13 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, 1 ♂, idem, 23 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 4 ♀♀, idem, 30 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.5–4.8 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 16C). Clypeus convex with coarse and dense punctation ($i = 1-2$ d); surface between punctures apically superficially sculptured and shiny, basally

denser and slightly matt (Fig. 16C–D). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially reticulate and slightly matt; disc densely ($i = 1.5\text{--}2.0\text{ d}$) and finely punctate (Fig. 16E–F). Metanotum slightly shorter than basal area of propodeum, apically with broad carinate depression (Fig. 16F). Propodeum basally distinctly and broadly carinate (Fig. 16F). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 16A).

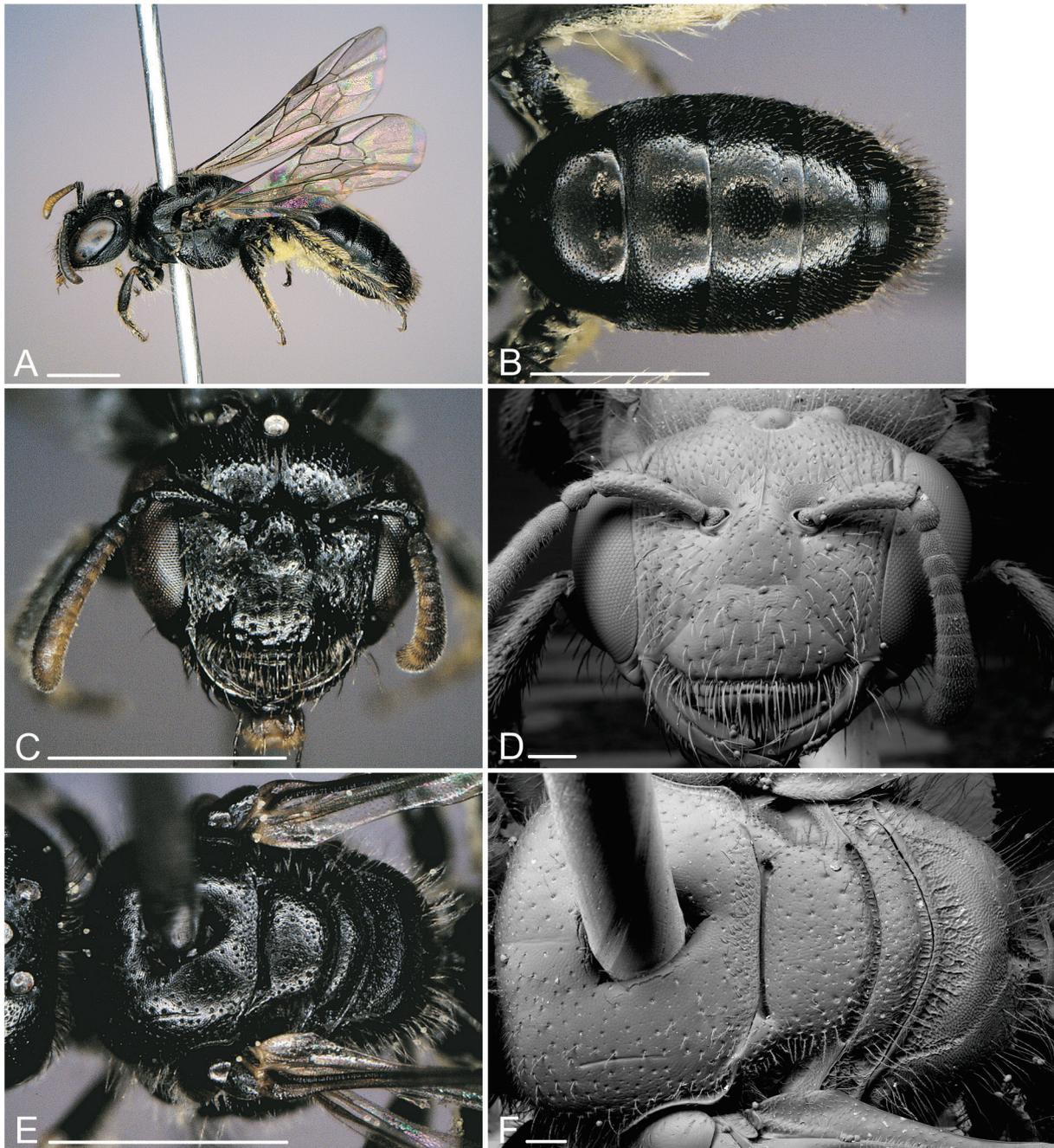


Fig. 16. *Scapter nanus* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **C.** Head. **D.** Head (SEM). **E.** Thorax (dorsal view). **F.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

WINGS. Slightly brownish; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia basally with small yellowish spot. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, dorsally blackish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly narrowly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 16B). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair, following terga with very short but increasingly more and

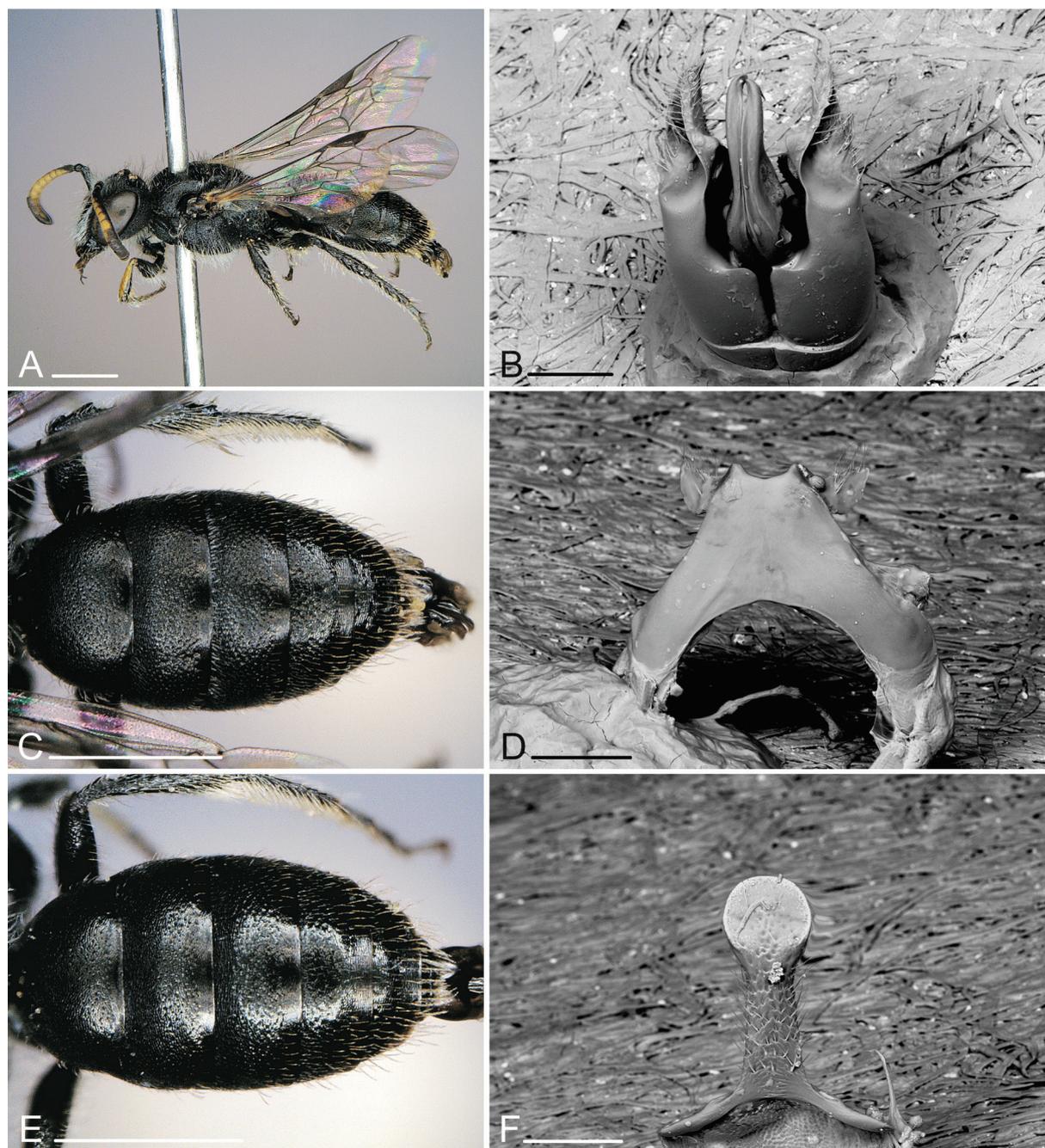


Fig. 17. *Scapter nanus* sp. nov., ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **F.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 16B). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae blackish-brown. T1 densely ($i = 0.5\text{--}1.0$ d) but very finely punctate, between punctures superficially sculptured but shiny; T2–T4 superficially sculptured, with dense ($i = 0.5\text{--}1.0$ d) but slightly coarser, superficial punctation; T2–T4 with superficially sculptured but shiny, broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 16B).

Male

BODY LENGTH. 4.3–4.7 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally yellowish-brown except last three flagellar segments completely brown (Fig. 17A).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures densely reticulate and matt; disc sparsely ($i = 2\text{--}3$ d) and finely punctate. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 17A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black, fore tibia anteriorly yellow, base of mid tibia with small yellow spot (Fig. 17A). Hind tibia apicomediaally slightly swollen (Fig. 17A). Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly narrowly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 17C, E). Discs of T1–T3 without hair, following terga with sparse and short but successively more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 17C, E). T1 and following terga densely ($i < 0.5\text{--}1$ d), coarsely and irregularly punctate and strongly sculptured, matt; T2–T4 with broad, superficially sculptured but shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 17C, E). S3 and particularly S4–S5 with long apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 17B), S7 (Fig. 17D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 17F) as illustrated.

Distribution

With one exception the species has only been found on sandy soils in Fynbos of the wider Nieuwoudtville area.

Floral hosts

Brassicaceae: white and blue *Heliophila* spp.

Seasonal activity

July–September.

Scapter nigerrimus sp. nov.

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Fig. 18

Diagnosis

The female of *S. nigerrimus* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: supraclypeal area and clypeus densely and distinctly punctate, mostly smooth

and shiny (Fig. 18C–D), scutum densely and coarsely punctate (Fig. 18E–F), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black, terga finely and densely punctate (Fig. 18B). The male is unknown.

Etymology

Named for the completely black body of the species.

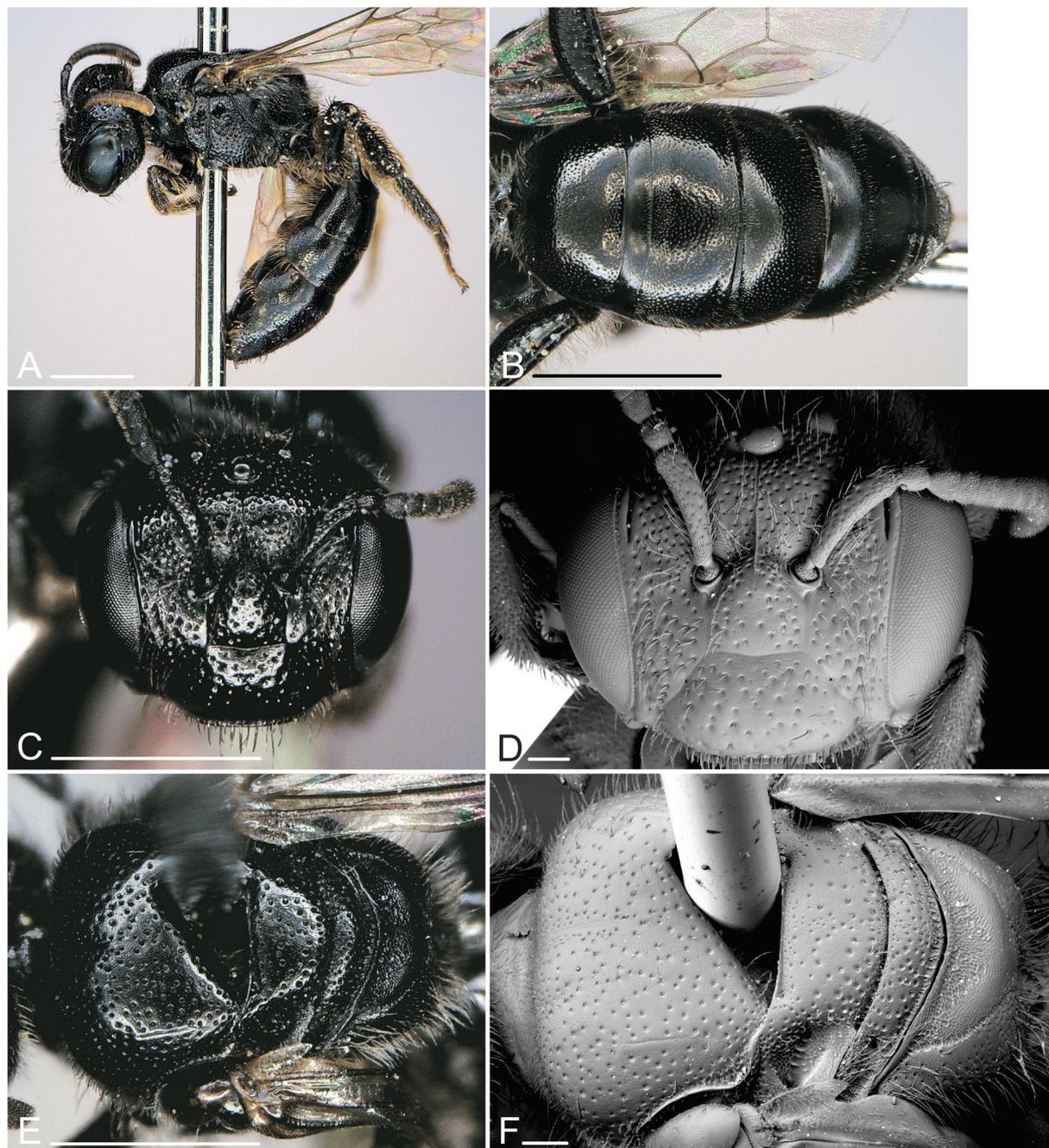


Fig. 18. *Scapter nigerrimus* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **C.** Head. **D.** Head (SEM). **E.** Thorax (dorsal view). **F.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Type material (1 specimen examined)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♀, W. Cape, Woodlot, nearby, 193 m, 33°56' S, 18°24' E, 20 Sep. 2011, L. Packer (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 5.5 mm.

HEAD. Head wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish to blackish, erect hair (Fig. 18C). Clypeus strongly convex with coarse and dense punctation ($i = 1-2$ d); surface between punctures smooth and shiny (Fig. 18C–D). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially reticulate but shiny; disc densely ($i = 0.5-1.0$ d) and finely punctate (Fig. 18E–F). Metanotum about as long as basal area of propodeum, apically with broad carinate depression (Fig. 18F). Propodeum basally shallowly but broadly carinate (Fig. 18F). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish to blackish, erect hair (Fig. 18A).

WINGS. Brownish; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black. Vestiture greyish to blackish, scopa blackish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black (Fig. 18B). Discs of T1–T3 without hair, following terga with sparse and very short but increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 18B). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae missing (rubbed off?). Terga densely ($i = 0.5-1$ d) but finely punctate, between punctures polished and shiny; apical tergal margins hardly depressed and punctate-like discs (Fig. 18B).

Male

Unknown.

Distribution

The species is known from the type locality on the Cape Peninsula near Cape Town.

Floral hosts

Unknown.

Seasonal activity

September.

Scapter nigratarsis sp. nov.

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Figs 19–20

Diagnosis

The female of *S. nigratarsis* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: supraclypeal area and clypeus sparsely but distinctly punctate, mostly finely sculptured and slightly matt (Fig. 19C–D), scutum sparsely but relatively coarsely punctate, basal area

of propodeum basally largely carinate (Fig. 19B), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black or only slightly brownish translucent, terga impunctate (Fig. 19E). The male is characterized by an unmodified antenna, simple and black hind tibia and hind basitarsus (Fig. 20A), almost hairless and impunctate abdominal terga (Fig. 20C) and form of S7 (Fig. 20D).

Etymology

Named for the black tarsi of the females.

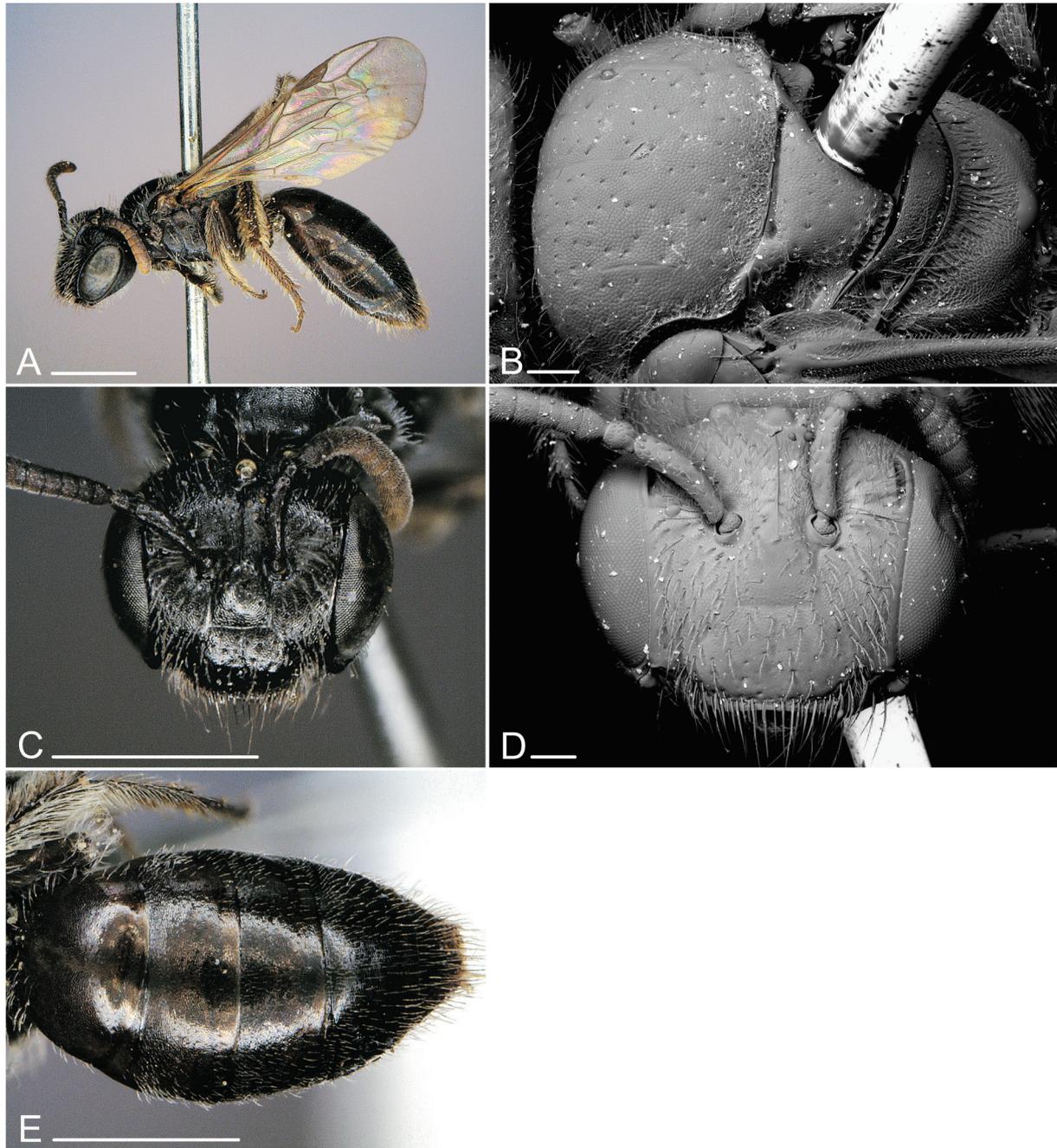


Fig. 19. *Scapter nigratarsis* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Head. **D.** Head (SEM). **E.** Metasoma (dorsal view). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Type material (2 specimens examined)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♂, Worcester, Cape Province, 33°38' S, 19°26' E, Sept. 1928, R.E. Turner (NHML), (identified as *Scapter albitarsis* (Friese), C.D. Eardley det. 1995).

Paratype

SOUTH AFRICA: 1 ♀, same data as holotype (NHML) (identified as *Scapter albitarsis* (Friese), C.D. Eardley det. 1995).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.5 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 19C). Clypeus almost flat with dispersed large, shallow punctation ($i = 1-2$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth or only superficially sculptured, shiny, basally more heavily sculptured and matt (Fig. 19C–D). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures strongly reticulate, matt; disc sparsely ($i = 2-3$ d), finely and shallowly punctate (Fig. 19B). Metanotum about half as long as basal area of propodeum, apically with distinct, narrow carinate depression (Fig. 19B). Propodeum with distinct carination covering more than half of the basal area (Fig. 19B). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 19A).

WINGS. Yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia basally with small yellow spot. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, dorsally blackish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga sometimes narrowly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 19E). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair; following terga with sparse and short but increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 19E). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae very sparse, brownish. Terga impunctate, superficially and \pm densely sculptured, mostly shiny; T2–T4 with finely sculptured, narrow and indistinct apical tergal depression (Fig. 19E).

Male

BODY LENGTH. 4.4 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally dark orange-brown (Fig. 20A).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc impunctate, strongly sculptured and matt. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 20A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia anteriorly dominantly yellow to yellowish-brown (Fig. 20A). Hind tibia unmodified. Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly translucent yellowish to dark reddish-brown (Fig. 20C). Disc of T1 without hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 20C). Terga impunctate, sculptured and slightly matt; terga with broad and superficially sculptured, more shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 20C). S3–S5 without distinct apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 20B), S7 (Fig. 20D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 20E) as illustrated.

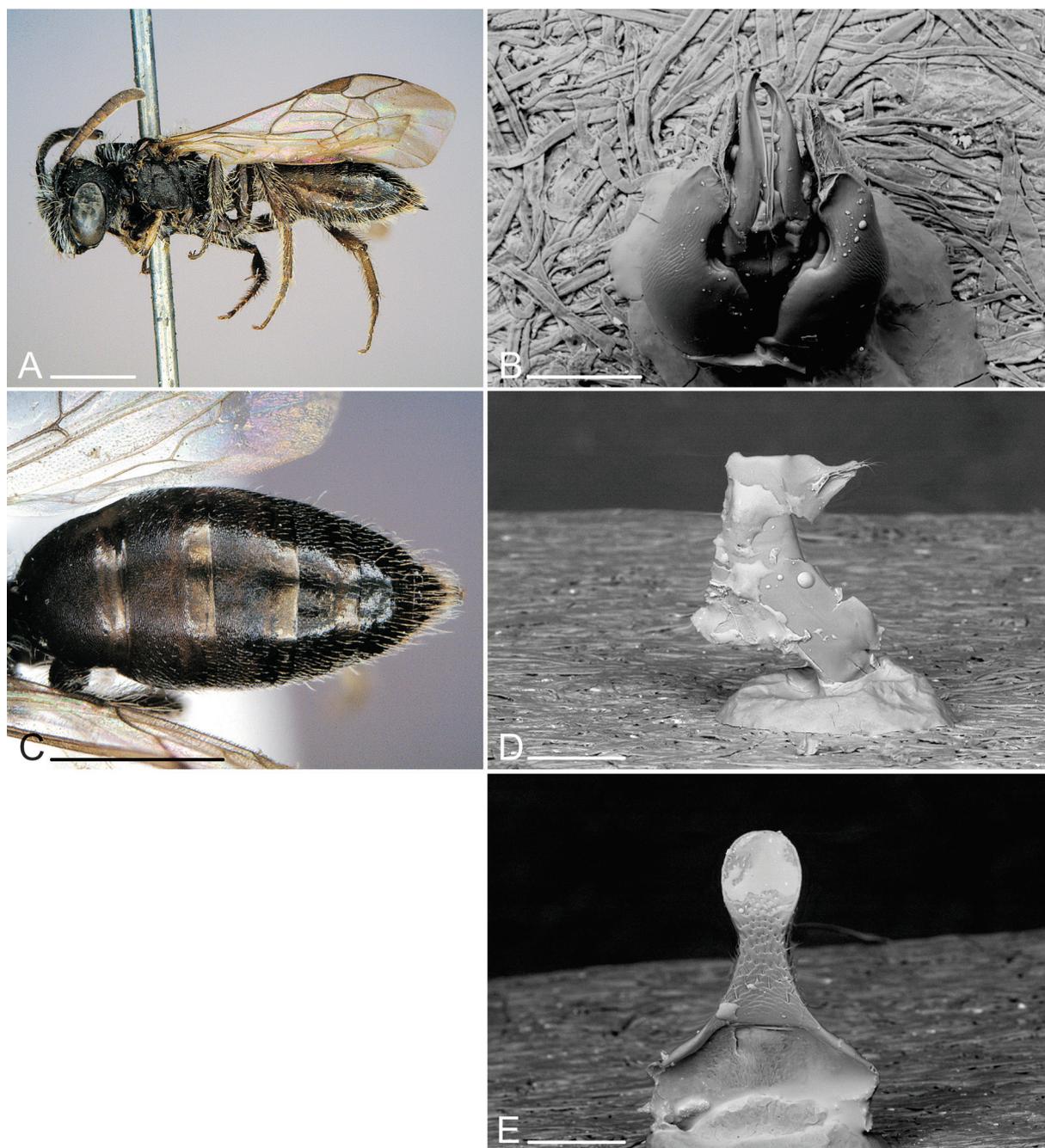


Fig. 20. *Scrapper nigratarsis* sp. nov., ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Distribution

The species is known from the type locality around Worcester.

Floral hosts

Unknown.

Seasonal activity

September.

Scapter papkuilsi sp. nov.

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Figs 21–22

Diagnosis

The female of *S. papkuilsi* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: head about as long as broad, supraclypeal area and clypeus densely and distinctly punctate, only partly superficially sculptured and matt (Fig. 21B), scutum densely but relatively finely punctate, metanotum apically with carinate depression (Fig. 21C–F), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black, terga densely and coarsely punctate (Fig. 21G–H). The male is characterized by an unmodified antenna, hind tibia apically broadened inside and pointed (Fig. 22E), relatively finely but densely punctate scutum and metasomal terga (Fig. 22C) and the form of S7 (Fig. 22D).

Etymology

Named after Farm Papkuilsfontein south of the town of Nieuwoudtville, where most of the specimens were collected.

Type material (107 specimens examined)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♂, 20 km S of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Papkuilsfontein, Fynbos, 680 m, 31°33'16" S, 19°08'31" E, 27 Aug. 2012, 27 Aug. 2012, M. Kuhlmann (SANC).

Paratypes

SOUTH AFRICA: 2 ♀♀, 38 ♂♂, same data as holotype (SANC 5 ♂♂, NHML 22 ♂♂, RCMK 2 ♀♀, 11 ♂♂); 8 ♀♀, 1 ♂, idem, 7 Sep. 2007, MK (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, idem, 9 Sep. 2007, KT (RCMK); 1 ♀, 13 ♂♂, idem, 15 Aug. 2010, MK (NHML); 21 ♂♂, idem, 11 Aug. 2011, MK (NHML); 1 ♂, idem, 7 Sep. 2007, MK (EMUS); 1 ♀, idem, 9 Sep. 2007, KT (EMUS); 4 ♀♀, N. Cape, Fynbos, 15 km NW of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Engelsepunt, 830 m, 31°14'31" S, 18°59'08" E, 24 Sep. 2003, KT (RCMK); 1 ♀, idem, 6 Oct. 2003, KT (RCMK); 1 ♀, 12 km NW of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Avontuur, Fynbos, 770 m, 31°16'18" S, 19°02'55" E, 25 Aug. 2010, MK (RCMK); 1 ♂, Ouberg Pass, 27 km SE of Vanrhynsdorp, Fynbos, 380 m, 31°48'07" S, 18°55'00" E, 9 Aug. 2011, MK (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, idem, 8 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 1 ♀, 1 ♂, idem, 13 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, 3 ♂♂, idem, 23 Aug. 2012, MK (SANC 1 ♀, NHML 1 ♀, RCMK 3 ♂♂); 2 ♀♀, idem, 30 Aug. 2012, MK (SANC 1 ♀, NHML 1 ♀).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.5–5.1 mm.

HEAD. Head about as wide as long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 21A). Clypeus slightly convex with coarse

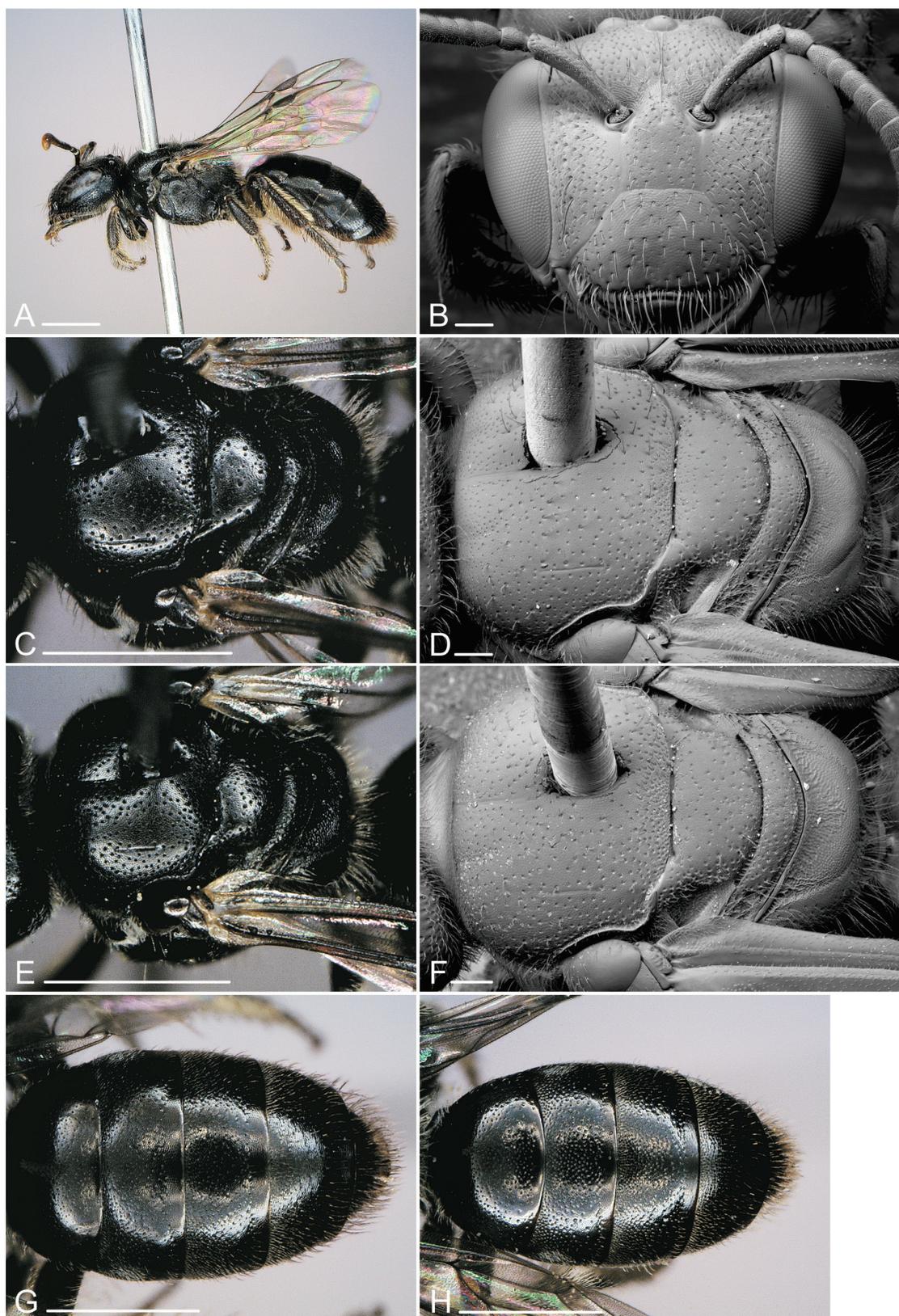


Fig. 21. *Scapter papkuilsi* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Head (SEM). **C.** Thorax (dorsal view). **D.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Thorax (dorsal view). **F.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). **G.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **H.** Metasoma (dorsal view). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

and dense punctation ($i = 1-2$ d); surface between punctures apically superficially sculptured and shiny, basally densely sculptured and matt (Fig. 21B). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures to a variable degree but densely reticulate, mostly matt; disc densely ($i = 0.5-2.0$ d) and finely punctate (Fig. 21C-F). Metanotum slightly shorter than basal area of propodeum, apically with narrow carinate depression (Fig. 21D, F). Propodeum basally shallowly but broadly carinate (Fig. 21D, F). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short greyish to brownish, erect hair (Fig. 21A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia basally with yellowish spot of variable size. Vestiture greyish to brownish, scopa greyish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly narrowly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 21G-H). Disc of T1 without hair; following terga with sparse and very short but increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 21G-H). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae blackish-brown. T1 to a variable extent densely ($i = 0.5-1.0$ d) and very finely punctate, between punctures superficially sculptured but shiny; T2-T4 superficially sculptured, shiny, with dense, very fine to fine, superficial to distinct punctation; T2-T4 with superficially sculptured, broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 21G-H).

Male

BODY LENGTH. 4.6-5.0 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally yellowish-brown (Fig. 22A).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially reticulate, slightly matt; disc densely ($i = 1-2$ d) and finely punctate. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 22A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black, fore tibia anteriorly yellow, base of mid tibia with small yellow spot (Fig. 22A). Hind tibia inside apically broadened, rectangular or with a short spine (Fig. 22E). Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black (Fig. 22C). Discs of T1-T2 without hair; following terga with sparse and very short but increasingly more and longer hair; T3 and sometimes T2 and T4 basally with a medially very narrow, laterally wider, sparse band of very fine, short, erect silvery hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 22C). T1 and following terga densely ($i < 0.5-1$ d), very finely and irregularly punctate, between punctures sculptured and matt; terga with narrow, superficially sculptured but shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 22C). S3 and particularly S4-S5 with sparse, long apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 22B), S7 (Fig. 22D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 22F) as illustrated.

Distribution

The species has only been found on sandy soils in Fynbos of the wider Nieuwoudtville area.

Floral hosts

Brassicaceae: white and blue *Heliophila* sp.

Seasonal activity

August–October.

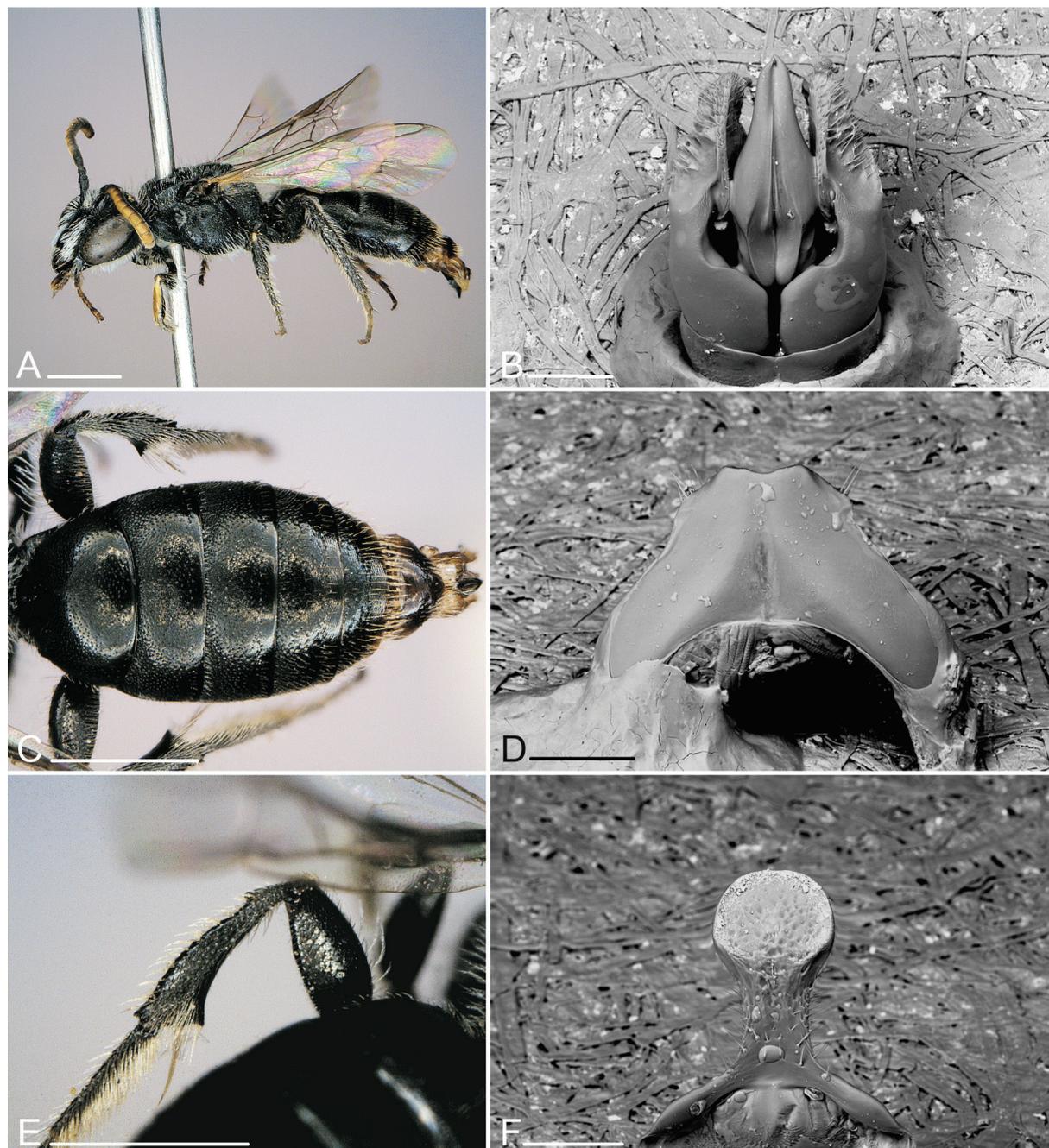


Fig. 22. *Scapter papkuilsi* sp. nov., ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Hind tibia. **F.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Scapter punctatus sp. nov.

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Figs 23–24

Diagnosis

The female of *S. punctatus* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: supraclypeal area and clypeus densely and distinctly punctate, shiny, only partly superficially sculptured (Fig. 23B), scutum densely and coarsely punctate, basal area of propodeum medially only slightly longer than metanotum (Fig. 23C–D), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga partly and narrowly brownish translucent, terga densely and coarsely punctate (Fig. 23E). The male can be separated from all other species of this group by its very long antenna with the last flagellar segment being about as twice as long as wide (Fig. 24E).

Etymology

Named for the distinct punctuation of the scutum and metasomal terga of the species.

Type material (7 specimens examined)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♀, Witwater, slope, yellow + white, 30.23050° S, 18.13458° E, 23 Sep. 2003, C. Mayer (SANC).

Paratypes

SOUTH AFRICA: 1 ♀, same data as holotype (RCMK); 1 ♀, 1 ♂, Leliefontein, plain, white trap, 30.23169° S, 18.16260° E, 31 Aug. 2003, C. Mayer (RCMK); 1 ♀, Leliefontein, slope, white trap, 30.23288° S, 18.16458° E, 7 Sep. 2003, C. Mayer (RCMK); 1 ♂, Leliefontein, plain, white trap, 30.23391° S, 18.16476° E, 7 Sep. 2003, C. Mayer (RCMK); 1 ♀, Remhoogte, plain, white trap, 30.23431° S, 18.16491° E, 7 Oct. 2002, C. Mayer (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 5.0–5.6 mm.

HEAD. Head wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 23A). Clypeus strongly convex with coarse and dense punctation ($i = 1-2$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth and shiny, basally superficially shagreened but shiny (Fig. 23B). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially reticulate, shiny; disc densely ($i = 1-2$ d) and coarsely punctate (Fig. 23C–D). Metanotum about as long as basal area of propodeum, apically with narrow, indistinct carinate depression (Fig. 23D). Propodeum basally shallowly but broadly carinate (Fig. 23D). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 23A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma yellowish-brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore and mid tibia basally sometimes with small yellowish spot. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, dorsally blackish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga broadly translucent yellowish to reddish-brown (Fig. 23E). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair; following terga with sparse and very short but increasingly more and longer hair; T2 (and sometimes T3) basally with a medially very narrow, laterally much broader band of very fine, short and erect silverish hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 23E). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae greyish-brown. T1 densely ($i = 0.5-1$ d) and finely to indistinctly punctate, between punctures polished to superficially sculptured and shiny; T2–T4 smooth or superficially sculptured, shiny, with dense, fine, indistinct to fine punctation; T2–T4 with polished or superficially sculptured, broad and shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 23E).

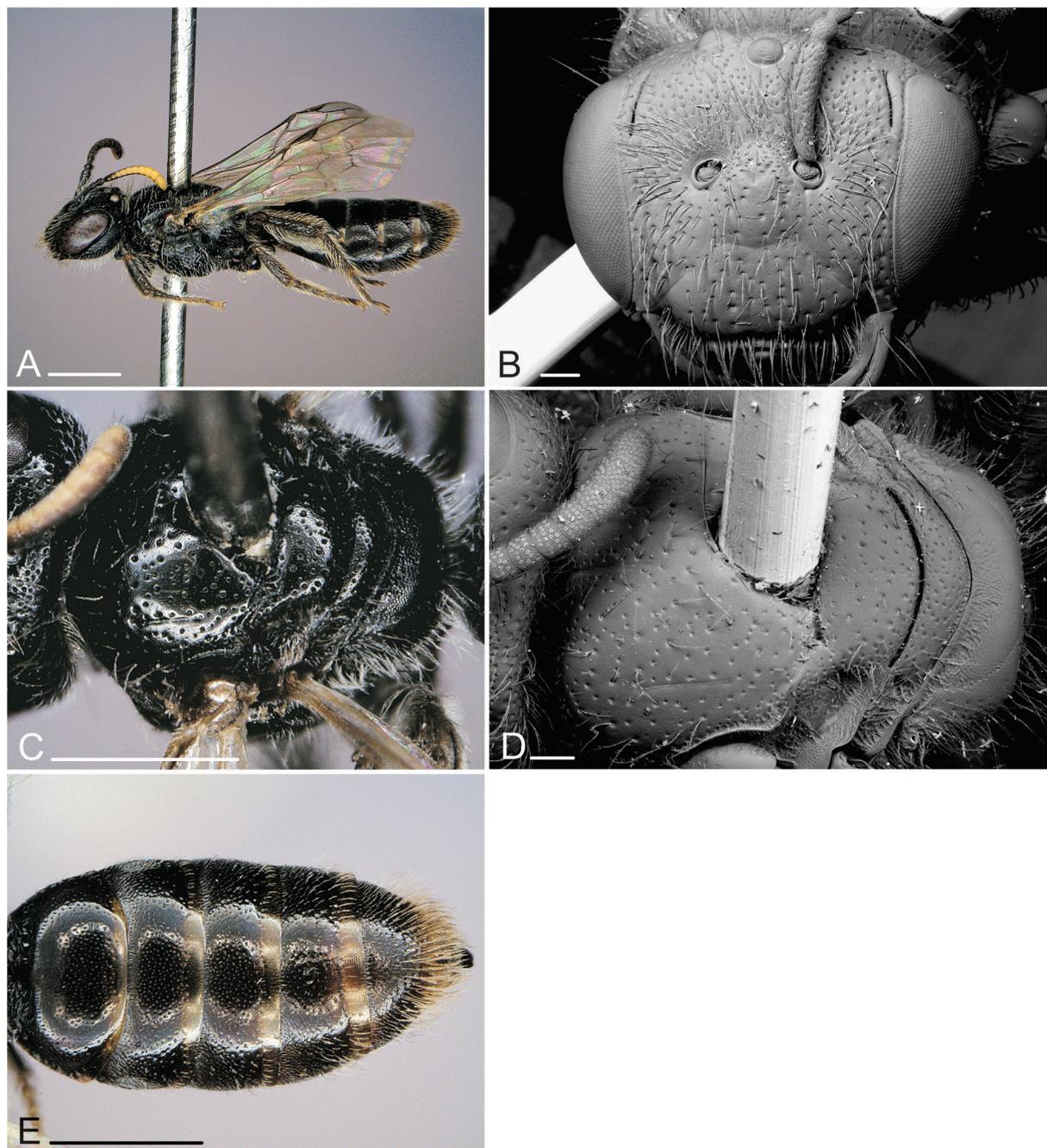


Fig. 23. *Scapter punctatus* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Head (SEM). **C.** Thorax (dorsal view). **D.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Metasoma (dorsal view). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Male

BODY LENGTH. 5.0–5.4 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna elongate, last flagellar segment about twice as long as broad, dorsally dark brown, ventrally bright yellowish-brown (Fig. 24E).

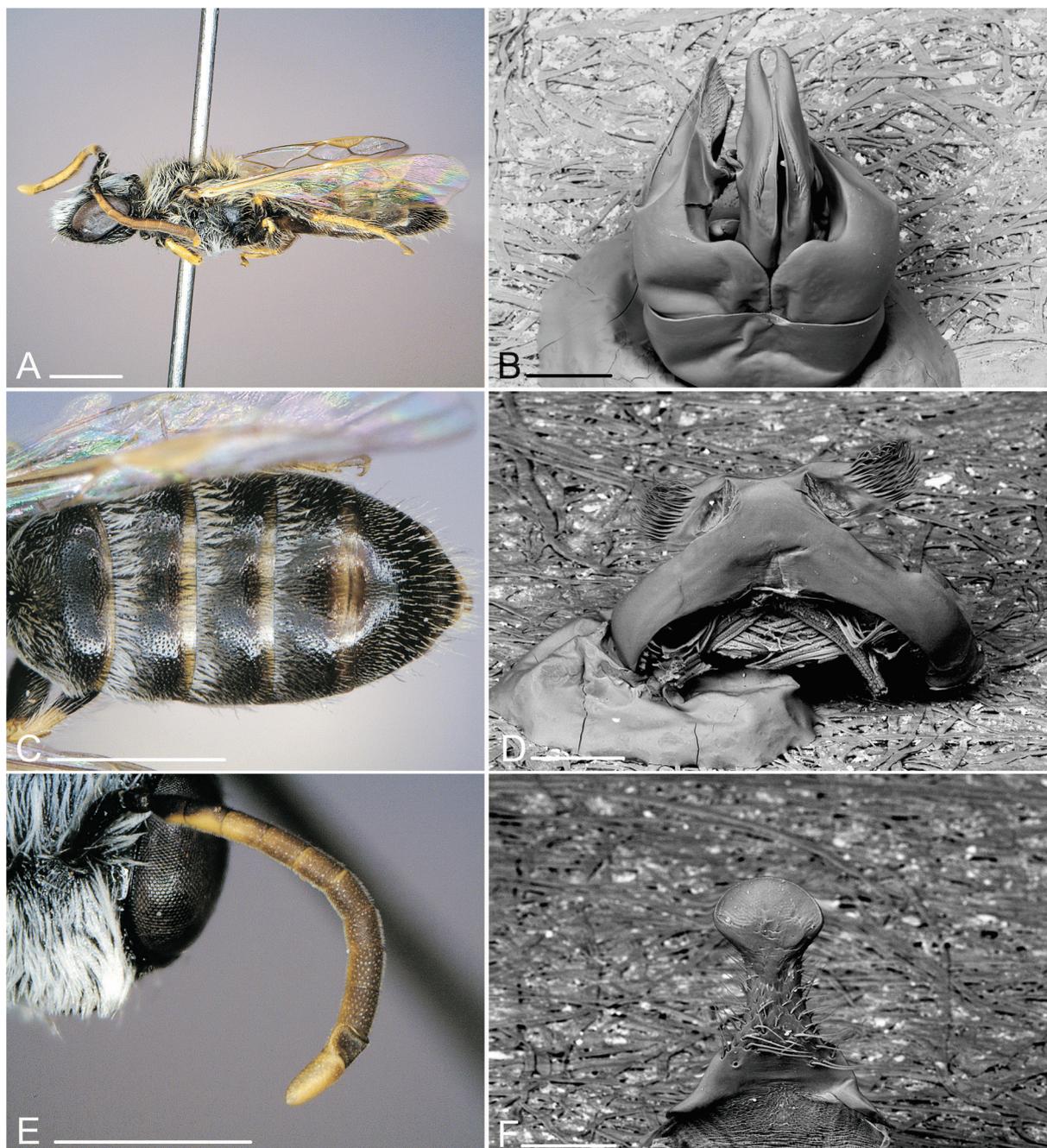


Fig. 24. *Scapter punctatus* sp. nov., ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Antenna. **F.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures smooth and shiny; disc very densely ($i < 0.5$ – 1.0 d) and finely punctate. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum covered with long, greyish to yellowish-white, erect hair (Fig. 24A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma yellowish-brown.

LEGS. Integument black, fore tarsi and fore tibia anteriorly yellow (posteriorly with large brown spot), mid and hind tibia basally and apically and femora apically with small yellow spot (Fig. 24A). Hind tibia unmodified. Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga broadly translucent yellowish to reddish-brown (Fig. 24C). T1–T4 anteriorly densely covered with dense long, erect, white to silverish hair, apically with very sparse pilosity; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 24C). T1 and following terga densely ($i < 0.5$ – 1 d) and finely punctate, between punctures smooth and shiny; terga with broad, smooth and shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 24C). S3 and particularly S4–S5 with sparse long apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 24B), S7 (Fig. 24D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 24F) as illustrated.

Distribution

The species is only known from the Kamiesberg Mountains.

Floral hosts

Unknown.

Seasonal activity

August–October.

Scrapter pygmaeus sp. nov.

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Fig. 25

Diagnosis

The female of *S. pygmaeus* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: supraclypeal area and clypeus sparsely but distinctly punctate, mostly finely sculptured and slightly matt (Fig. 25B), scutum reticulate, sparsely and shallowly punctate, basal area of propodeum basally indistinctly carinate (Fig. 25C–D), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black, terga impunctate (Fig. 25E). The male is unknown.

Etymology

Named for the small body size of the species.

Type material (35 specimens examined)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♀, Nieuwoudtville, pad to Farm Glen Lyon, slope, 737 m, 31°23'25" S, 19°08'28" E, 3 Sep. 2007, K. Timmermann (SANC).

Paratypes

SOUTH AFRICA: 5 ♀♀, same data as holotype (RCMK); 6 ♀♀, idem, 2 Sep. 2007, KT (SANC 1 ♀, RCMK 5 ♀♀); 1 ♀, Nieuwoudtville, garden, 700 m, 31°22' S, 19°07' E, 18–19 Aug. 2007, KT (RCMK);

1 ♀, Nieuwoudtville, Pad Glen Lyon to R27, 740 m, 31°23'24" S, 19°09'06" E, 7 Sep. 2007, KT, on *Ruschia* sp. (RCMK); 1 ♀, idem, 17 Sep. 2007, KT (SANC); 1 ♀, idem, 20 Sep. 2007, KT (RCMK); 1 ♀, N. Cape, Nieuwoudtville, Flower Reserve, 770 m, 31°22'10" S, 19°08'50" E, 27 Aug. 2006, KT (RCMK); 1 ♀, idem, 1 Sep. 2006, KT (SANC); 3 ♀♀, idem, 2 Sep. 2006, KT (NHML 1 ♀, RCMK 2 ♀♀); 2 ♀♀, idem, 10 Sep. 2006, KT (NHML, RCMK); 3 ♀♀, idem, 18 Sep. 2006, KT (NHML 1 ♀, RCMK 2 ♀♀); 4 ♀♀, idem, 16 Aug. 2007, KT (NHML 1 ♀, RCMK 3 ♀♀); 1 ♀, idem, 19 Aug. 2007, KT (SANC); 2 ♀♀, idem, 21 Aug. 2007, KT (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, idem, 6 Sep. 2007, KT (RCMK).

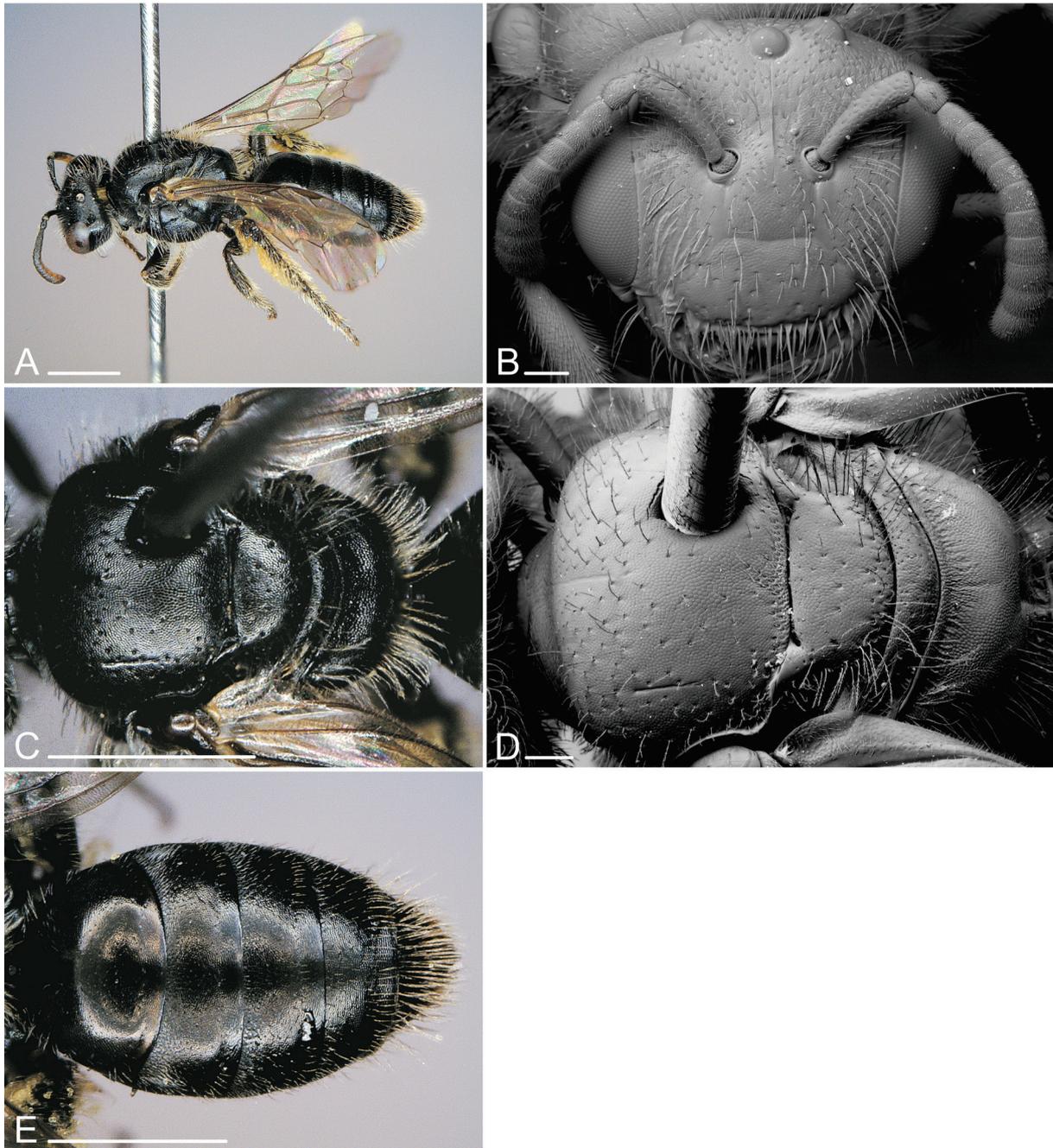


Fig. 25. *Scapter pygmaeus* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Head (SEM). **C.** Thorax (dorsal view). **D.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Metasoma (dorsal view). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.6–5.0 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 25A). Clypeus almost flat, with dispersed large, shallow punctation ($i = 1-2$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth or only superficially sculptured, shiny, basally more heavily sculptured and matt (Fig. 25B). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures strongly reticulate, matt; disc sparsely ($i = 2-3$ d), finely and shallowly punctate (Fig. 25C–D). Metanotum about half as long as basal area of propodeum, apically with indistinct narrow carinate depression (Fig. 25D). Propodeum with shallow carination covering about half of the basal area (Fig. 25D). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 25A).

WINGS. Yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia basally with small yellow spot. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, dorsally blackish-brown.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga sometimes narrowly translucent yellowish to dark reddish-brown (Fig. 25E). Disc of T1 without hair; following terga with sparse and short but increasingly more and longer hair; T2 and T3 basally with a medially very narrow, laterally much broader band of very fine, short and erect, silverish hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 25E). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae yellowish-brown. Terga impunctate, superficially and \pm densely sculptured, mostly shiny; T2–T4 with finely sculptured, broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 25E).

Male

Unknown.

Distribution

The species is only known from the vicinity of Nieuwoudtville.

Floral hosts

Aizoaceae: *Ruschia* sp.

Seasonal activity

August–September.

Scapter roggeveldi sp. nov.

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Figs 26–27

Diagnosis

The female of *S. roggeveldi* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: supraclypeal area and clypeus densely and distinctly punctate, partly superficially sculptured and matt (Fig. 26B), scutum densely but relatively finely punctate (Fig. 26C–D), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black, terga minutely punctate (Fig. 26E). The male

is characterized by an unmodified antenna, hind tibia apically broadened inside, forming a \pm right angle (Fig. 27G), S4–S5 with long apical hair fringes (Fig. 27E) and the form of S7 (Fig. 27D).

Only one male of this species was collected, near Sutherland, but a single specimen from the Hantam Plateau about 130 km further NW probably represents the female of this species. This female is diagnosed and described here, but because of the uncertainty it is not included in the type series.

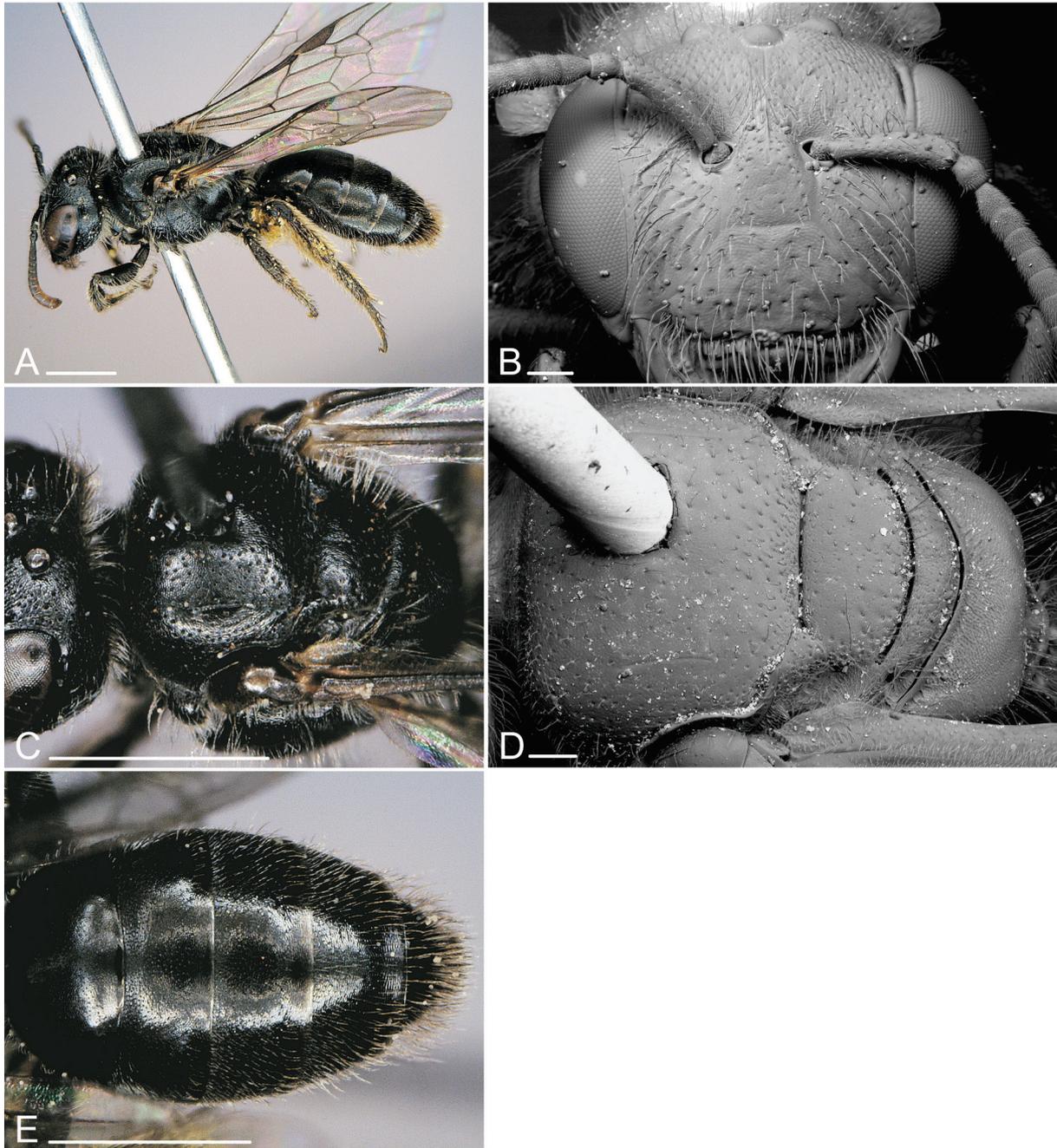


Fig. 26. *Scapter roggeveldi* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Head (SEM). **C.** Thorax (dorsal view). **D.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Metasoma (dorsal view). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Etymology

Named after the Roggeveld Mountains between Calvinia and Sutherland where this species was found.

Type material (1 specimen examined)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♂, Farm Kanolfontein, 20 km W of Sutherland, road side, 1385 m, 32°24'43" S, 20°27'28" E, 7 Sep. 2012, M. Kuhlmann (RCMK).

Additional material examined

SOUTH AFRICA: 1 ♀, Plateau Hantam Mts., weather stn., 12 km N of Calvinia, 1580 m, 31°21'13" S, 19°47'53" E, 11 Sep. 2010, MK (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.8 mm.

HEAD. Head wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 26B). Clypeus almost flat with coarse, shallow and sparse punctation ($i = 1-2$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth and shiny, basally superficially shagreened and slightly matt (Fig. 26B). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially reticulate but shiny; disc densely ($i = 1-2$ d), shallowly and finely punctate (Fig. 26C–D). Metanotum slightly shorter than basal area of propodeum, apically with narrow carinate depression (Fig. 26D). Propodeum basally shallowly carinate (Fig. 26D). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 26A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument completely black to dark reddish-brown. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, dorsally blackish (Fig. 26A).

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly and narrowly translucent reddish-brown (Fig. 26E). Disc of T1 without hair; following terga with very short but increasingly more and longer hair; T3 basally with a narrow and very sparse band of very fine, short, erect hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 26E). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae greyish-brown. T1 very finely, superficially and sparsely ($i = 2-3$ d) punctate, between punctures superficially sculptured but shiny; T2–T4 shiny, with dense, fine, superficial punctation; T2–T4 with superficially sculptured, broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 26E).

Male

BODY LENGTH. 5.0 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally yellowish-brown except last three flagellar segments almost completely dark brown (Fig. 27A).

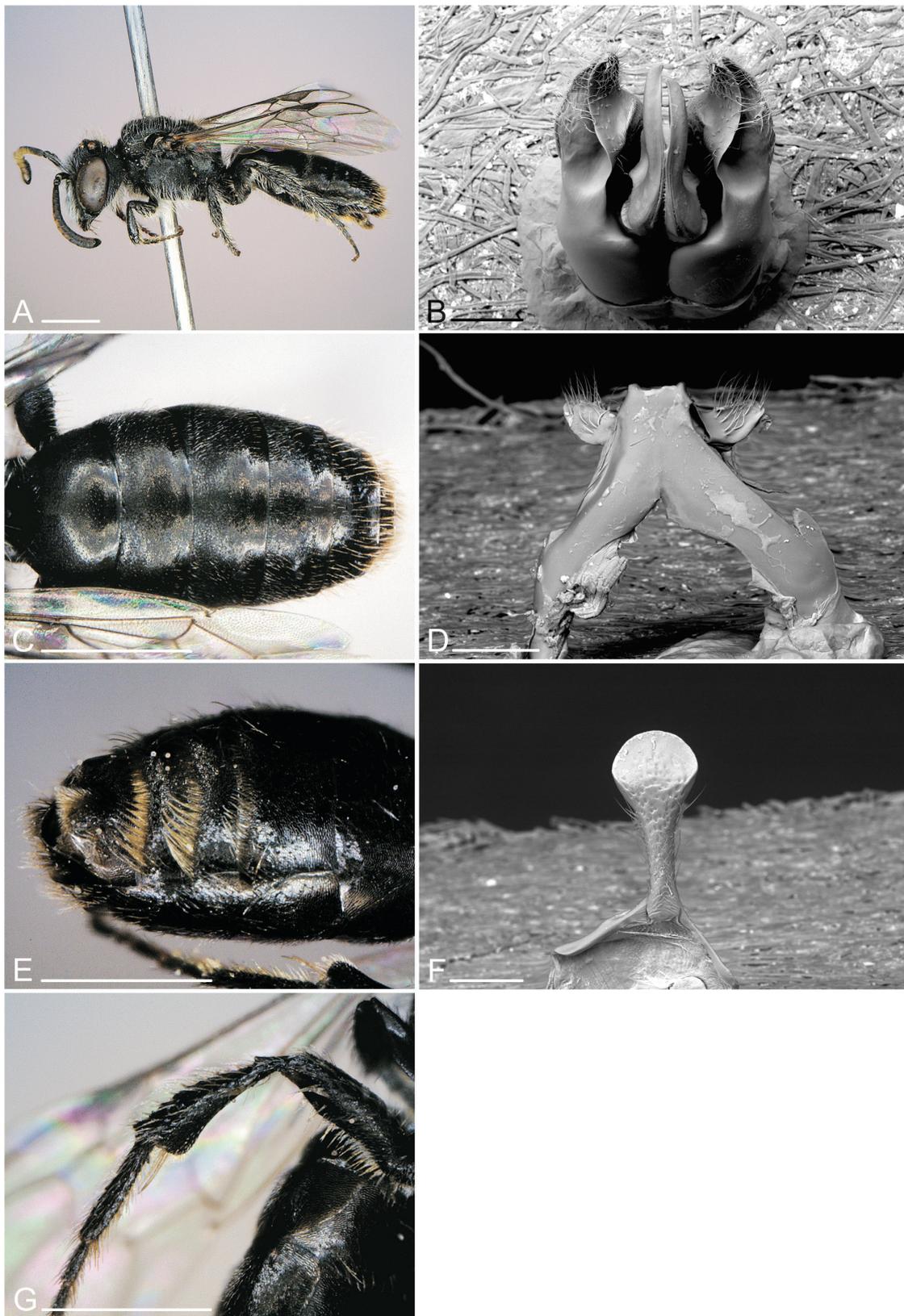


Fig. 27. *Scapter roggeveldi* sp. nov., ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Metasoma (ventral view). **F.** S8, apical end (SEM). **G.** Hind tibia. Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures strongly reticulate and matt; disc finely, very shallowly and almost invisibly, sparsely punctate ($i = 2-3$ d). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 27A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black or dark reddish-brown (Fig. 27A). Hind tibia inside apically broadened, with an almost rectangular edge (Fig. 27G). Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly narrowly translucent dark reddish-brown (Fig. 27C). Discs of T1–T3 without hair, laterally sparsely covered with short, erect greyish-white hair; following terga with sparse and very short but increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 27C). T1 and following terga sparsely ($i = 2-3$ d) and almost invisibly very finely and superficially punctate, between punctures superficially sculptured and shiny; terga with broad, superficially sculptured but shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 27C). S3 and particularly S4–S5 with long apical hair fringes (Fig. 27E).

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 27B), S7 (Fig. 27D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 27F) as illustrated.

Distribution

The species is known from higher altitudes at the extreme northern and southern ends of the Roggeveld Mountains.

Floral hosts

Aizoaceae: *Galenia sarcophylla*.

Seasonal activity

September.

***Scapter sittybon* Davies, 2005**

Figs 28–29

Scapter sittybon Davies, 2005: 171–173, figs 36–39, holotype ♂ (type locality: Farm Kalkgat, 40 km north-east of Vanrhynsdorp, South Africa) (SANC).

Diagnosis

The female of *S. sittybon* is here described for the first time. It can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: fore tibia entirely or dominantly yellowish to reddish brown, stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga broadly brownish translucent (Fig. 28B). The male is characterized by an unmodified antenna, scutum between punctures smooth and shiny, the form of S7 (Fig. 29D), hind basitarsus blackish and hind tibia apically slightly swollen and curved (Fig. 29E).

Material examined (2 specimens)

SOUTH AFRICA: 1 ♀, W. Cape, Knersvlakte, Sukkulent Karoo, 40 km N of Vanrhynsdorp, Farm Kalkgat, 140 m, 31°07'04" S, 18°55'18" E, 14 Sep. 2003, KT (RCMK); 1 ♂, Hantam Mountains, 30 km N of Calvinia, 880 m, 31°12'09" S, 19°50'04" E, 16 Sep. 2007, KT (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.9–5.1 mm.

HEAD. Head wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 28C). Clypeus slightly convex with coarse punctation, apically coarser and sparser ($i = 1-2$ d), basally much finer and denser ($i < 0.5$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth and shiny, basally superficially sculptured and slightly matt (Fig.

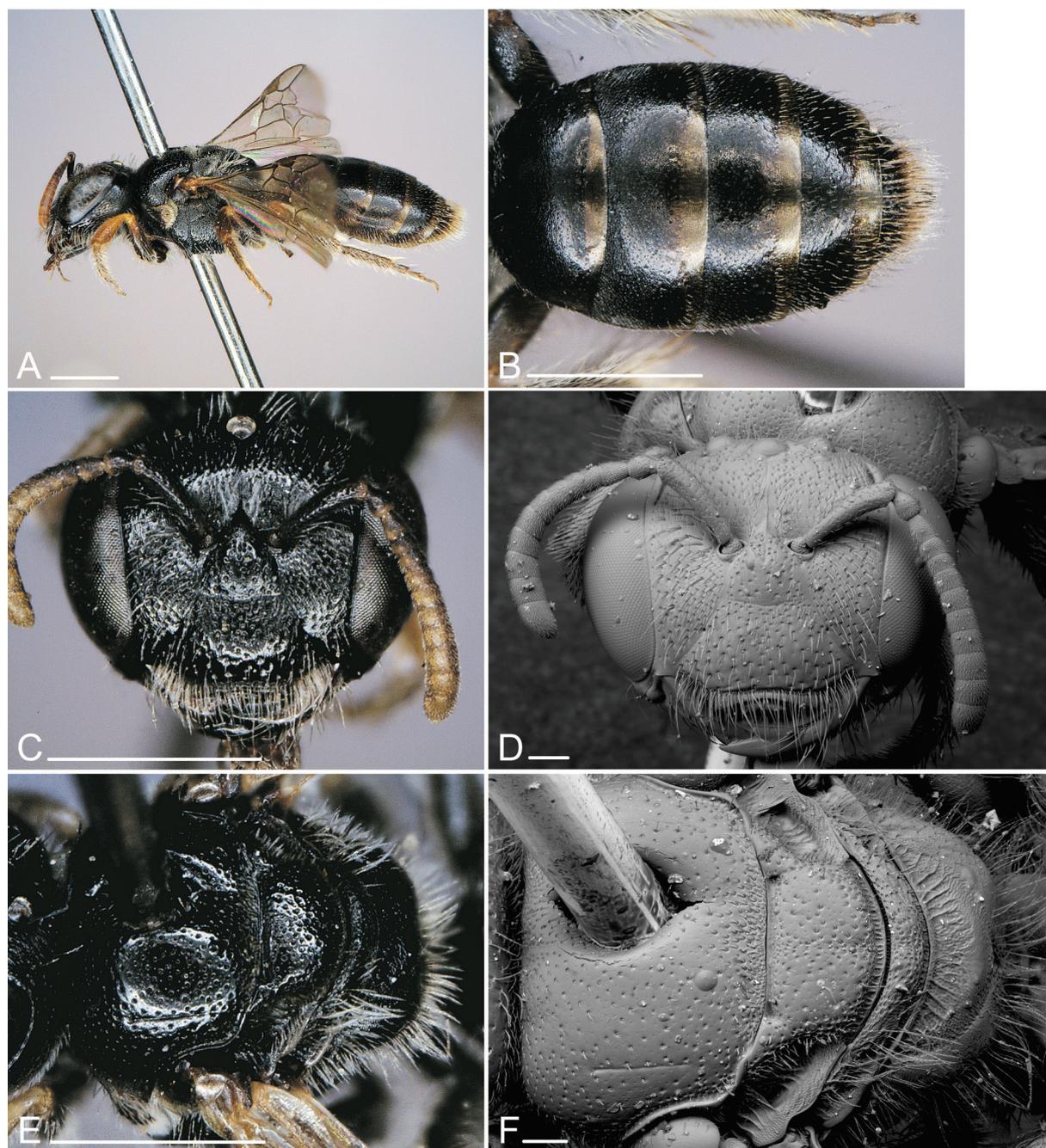


Fig. 28. *Scapter sittybon* Davies, 2005, ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **C.** Head. **D.** Head (SEM). **E.** Thorax (dorsal view). **F.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

28C–D). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally darker orange-brown, ventrally more yellowish-brown (Fig. 28C).

MESOSOMA. Integument black, except pronotal lobe and tegula yellowish to reddish-brown (Fig. 28A). Mesoscutal disc between punctures polished and shiny; disc densely ($i = 1\text{--}2$ d) and coarsely punctate, punctures of variable size (Fig. 28E–F). Metanotum about 2/3 as long as basal area of propodeum, apically with distinct carinate depression (Fig. 28F). Propodeum basally coarsely and broadly carinate (Fig. 28F). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 28A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument mostly dark reddish-brown, partly blackish; fore tibia and tarsi almost completely, mid tibia anteriorly and hind tibia basally yellowish-brown (Fig. 28A). Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga broadly translucent yellowish to reddish-brown (Fig. 28B). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair; following terga with very sparse and short but increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 28B). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae greyish-brown. T1 and following terga densely ($i = 1$ d) but almost invisibly very finely and irregularly punctate, between punctures sculptured and slightly matt; T2–T4 with superficially sculptured but shiny, broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 28B).

Male

BODY LENGTH. 4.8–5.2 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antennal flagellum either completely yellowish-brown or sometimes dorsally dark brown, particularly the last 3–4 segments dorsally (Fig. 29A).

MESOSOMA. Integument black, tegula yellowish-brown. Mesoscutal disc between punctures smooth and shiny; disc densely ($i = 0.5\text{--}1.0$ d) and finely punctate. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum covered with long, yellowish-grey, erect hair (Fig. 29A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument mostly dark yellowish to reddish-black, fore tibia and tarsi, mid tibia (except darker spot posteriorly), base of hind tibia and femora apically yellow to yellowish-brown (Fig. 29A). Hind tibia inside apically slightly broadened and curved (Fig. 29E). Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga broadly translucent yellowish to reddish-brown (Fig. 29C). Discs of T1–T3 without hair; following terga with very short and sparse but increasingly more and longer hair; T2–T4 basally with a broad and dense band of very fine but long, erect, silverish hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 29C). T1 and following terga irregularly densely ($i < 0.5\text{--}1$ d) but almost invisibly very finely punctate, between punctures sculptured and slightly matt; terga with broad, superficially sculptured but shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 29C). S3–S5 with long, sparse apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 29B), S7 (Fig. 29D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 29F) as illustrated.

Distribution

The species is only known from the Knersvlakte and the Hantam Mountains.

Floral hosts

Unknown.

Seasonal activity

September.

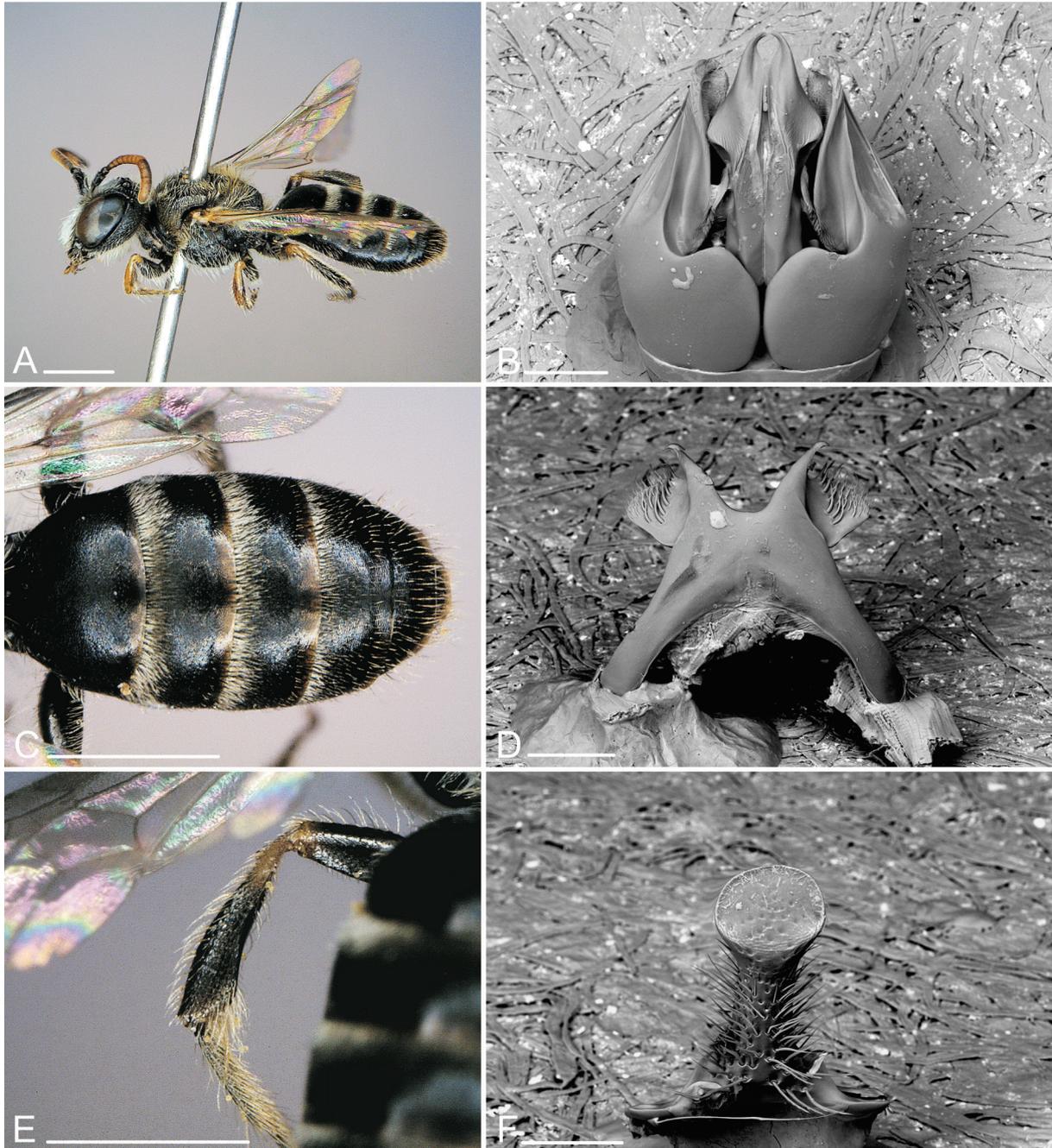


Fig. 29. *Scapter sittybon* Davies, 2005, ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Hind tibia. **F.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Scapter spinipes sp. nov.

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Figs 30–31

Diagnosis

The female of *S. spinipes* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: supraclypeal area and clypeus densely and distinctly punctate, shiny, only partly superficially sculptured (Fig. 30B), scutum densely and coarsely punctate, basal area of propodeum medially about 1.5 times as long as metanotum (Fig. 30C–D), stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga black, terga densely and coarsely punctate (Fig. 30E). The male is characterized by an unmodified antenna, coarsely and densely punctate scutum and metasomal terga (Fig. 31C), hind tibia apically broadened inside, forming a long spine (Fig. 31E), and the form of S7 (Fig. 31D).

Etymology

Named for the conspicuous apicolateral spine of the male hind tibia.

Type material (63 specimens examined)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♂, 12 km NW of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Avontuur, Fynbos, 770 m, 31°16'18" S, 19°02'55" E, 18 Aug. 2012, M. Kuhlmann (SANC).

Paratypes

SOUTH AFRICA: 1 ♀, 4 ♂♂, same data as holotype (SANC 2 ♂♂, RCMK 1 ♀, 2 ♂♂); 8 ♂♂, idem, 3 Sep. 2012, MK (RCMK); 1 ♀, 1 ♂, Ouberg Pass, 27 km SE of Vanrhynsdorp, Fynbos, 380 m, 31°48'07" S, 18°55'00" E, 9 Aug. 2011, MK (RCMK); 13 ♂♂, idem, 8 Aug. 2012, MK (NHML 9 ♂♂, RCMK 4 ♂♂); 1 ♀, 1 ♂, idem, 13 Aug. 2012, MK (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, 7 ♂♂, idem, 23 Aug. 2012, MK (NHML 5 ♂♂, RCMK 2 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂), 6 ♀♀, 17 ♂♂, idem, 30 Aug. 2012, MK (SANC 2 ♀♀, 2 ♂♂, NHML 2 ♀♀, 11 ♂♂, RCMK 2 ♀♀, 4 ♂♂).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 4.8–5.1 mm.

HEAD. Head wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 30B). Clypeus slightly convex with coarse punctation, apically sparse ($i = 2-3$ d), basally dense ($i = 0.5-1$ d); surface between punctures apically smooth and shiny, basally superficially shagreened and slightly matt (Fig. 30B). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially reticulate but shiny; disc densely ($i = 0.5-1.0$ d) and coarsely punctate (Fig. 30C–D). Metanotum distinctly shorter than basal area of propodeum, apically with broad carinate depression (Fig. 30D). Propodeum basally distinctly and broadly carinate (Fig. 30D). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 30A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia basally partly with small yellowish spot. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, dorsally slightly brownish.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly narrowly translucent reddish-brown (Fig. 30E). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair; following terga with very few and short but increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 30E). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae dark greyish-brown. T1 densely ($i = 1 d$) and relatively coarsely but irregularly punctate, between punctures superficially sculptured and shiny; T2–T4 superficially sculptured but shiny, with dense, relatively coarse punctation; T2–T4 with superficially sculptured but shiny, broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 30D).

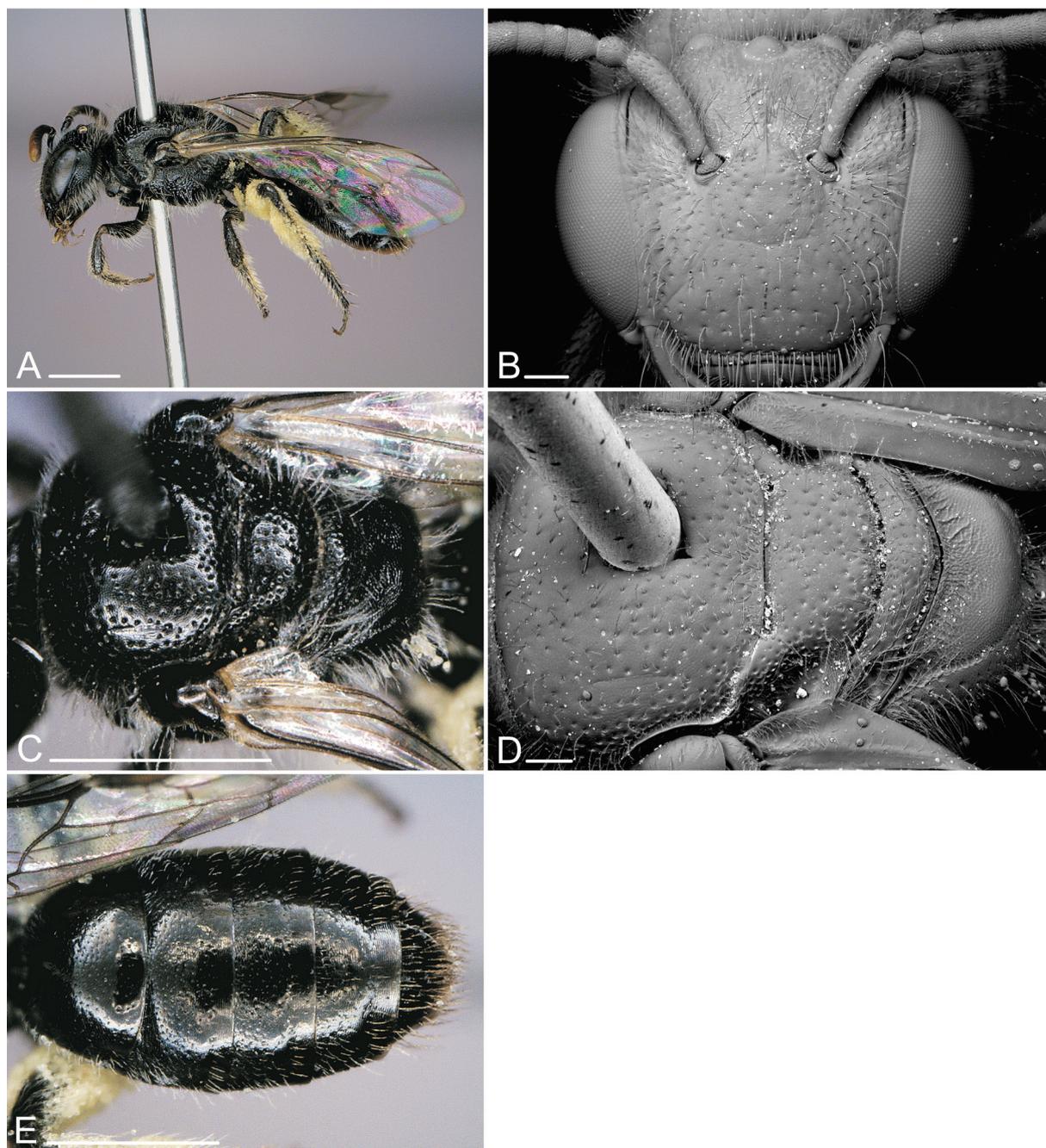


Fig. 30. *Scapter spinipes* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Head (SEM). **C.** Thorax (dorsal view). **D.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Metasoma (dorsal view). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Male

BODY LENGTH. 4.8–5.1 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally yellowish-brown, sometimes apical flagellar segments completely or largely dark brown (Fig. 31A).

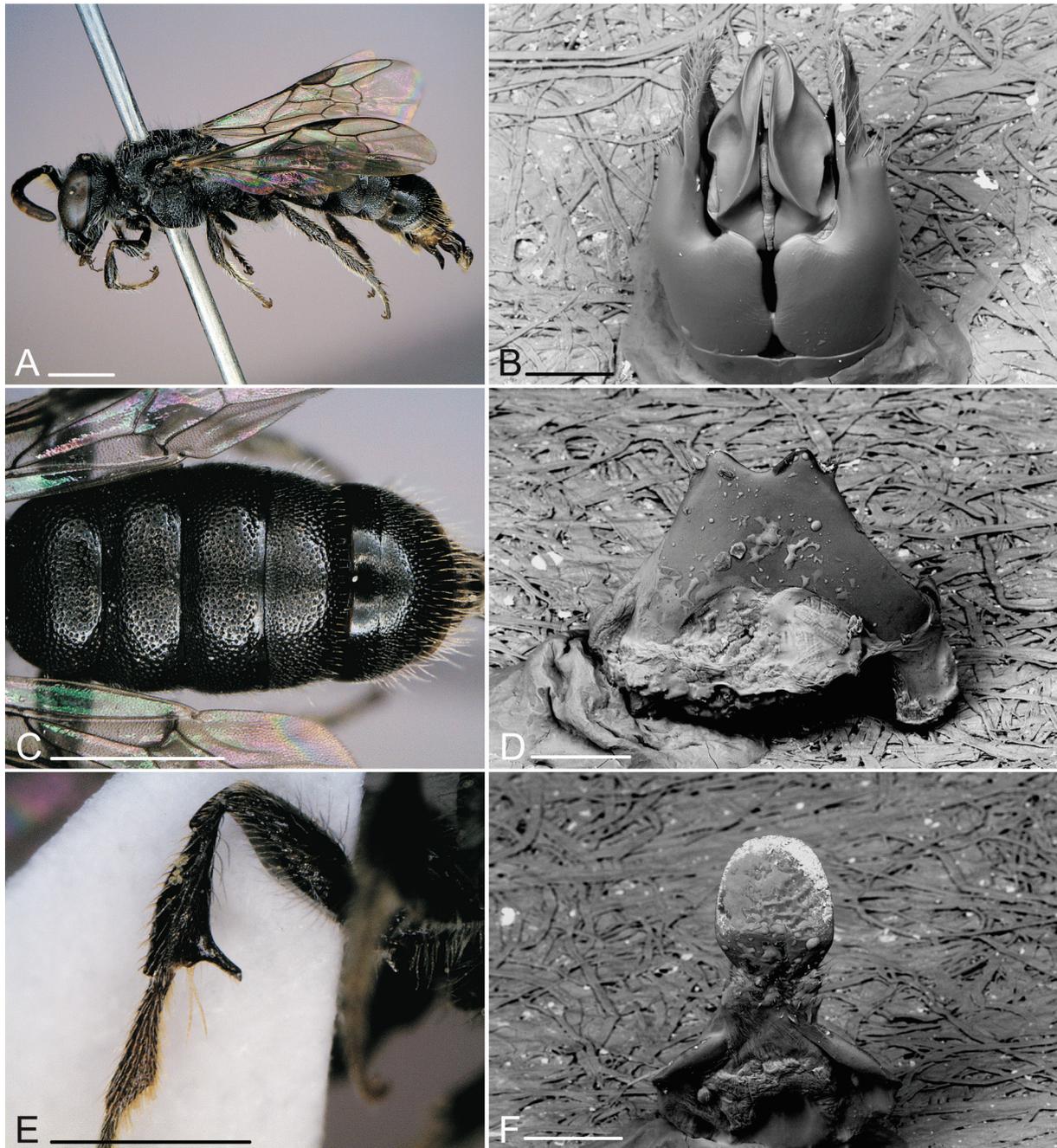


Fig. 31. *Scapter spinipes* sp. nov., ♂. A. Lateral view. B. Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). C. Metasoma (dorsal view). D. S7 (dorsal view, SEM). E. Hind tibia. F. S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially reticulate and slightly matt; disc densely ($i = 0.5\text{--}1.0$ d) and very coarsely punctate. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 31A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black, fore tibia in the basal half anteriorly yellow (Fig. 31A). Hind tibia inside apically broadened, with a long spine; hind basitarsus subapically broadened (Fig. 31E). Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly narrowly translucent reddish-brown (Fig. 31C). Discs of T1–T2 without hair; following terga with very few and short but increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 31C). T1 and following terga densely ($i < 0.5$ d) and very coarsely punctate, between punctures polished and shiny; terga with narrow, superficially sculptured but shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 31C). S3 and particularly S4–S5 with long, sparse apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 31B), S7 (Fig. 31D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 31F) as illustrated.

Distribution

The species has only been found on sandy soils in Fynbos of the wider Nieuwoudtville area.

Floral hosts

Brassicaceae: *Heliophila* sp., with a strong preference for blue-flowering species.

Seasonal activity

August–September.

Scrapter ulrikae sp. nov.

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Figs 32–33

Diagnosis

The female of *S. ulrikae* sp. nov. can be separated from other species of this group by the combination of the following characters: fore tibia dominantly dark blackish-brown, stigma brown, apical margins of metasomal terga broadly brownish translucent, terga between punctures finely sculptured and slightly matt (Fig. 32E). The male is characterized by an unmodified antenna, scutum between punctures smooth and shiny, hind tibia simple, hind basitarsus blackish, T2–T4 basally densely covered with short, erect, silverish hair (Fig. 33C) and the form of S7 (Fig. 33D).

Etymology

This species is dedicated to my partner Ulrike Gigengack, who enthusiastically collects bees and has accompanied me on many field trips to South Africa.

Type material (33 specimens)

Holotype

SOUTH AFRICA: ♂, 12 km NW of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Avontuur, Fynbos, 770, 31°16'18" S, 19°02'55" E, 18 Aug. 2012, M. Kuhlmann (SANC).

Paratypes

SOUTH AFRICA: 2 ♀♀, 8 ♂♂, same data as holotype (SANC 1 ♂, NHML 2 ♂♂, RCMK 2 ♀♀, 5 ♂♂); 4 ♀♀, idem, 25 Aug. 2010, MK (SANC 3 ♀♀, RCMK 1 ♀); 8 ♂♂, idem, 16 Aug. 2011, MK (RCMK); 1 ♀, idem, 17 Aug. 2011, H. Erhardt (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, idem, 5 Sep. 2012, H. Erhardt (RCMK); 1 ♀, N. Cape, Fynbos, 15 km NW of Nieuwoudtville, Farm Engelsepunt, 830 m, 31°14'31" S, 18°59'08" E, 6 Aug. 2003, KT (NHML); 2 ♀♀, idem, 28 Aug. 2003, KT (NHML); 1 ♀, 24 Sep. 2003, KT (NHML); 1 ♀, N. Cape, Nieuwoudtville, Glenlyon, Renosterveld, 700 m, 31°24'03" S, 19°08'34" E, 10 Sep. 2003,

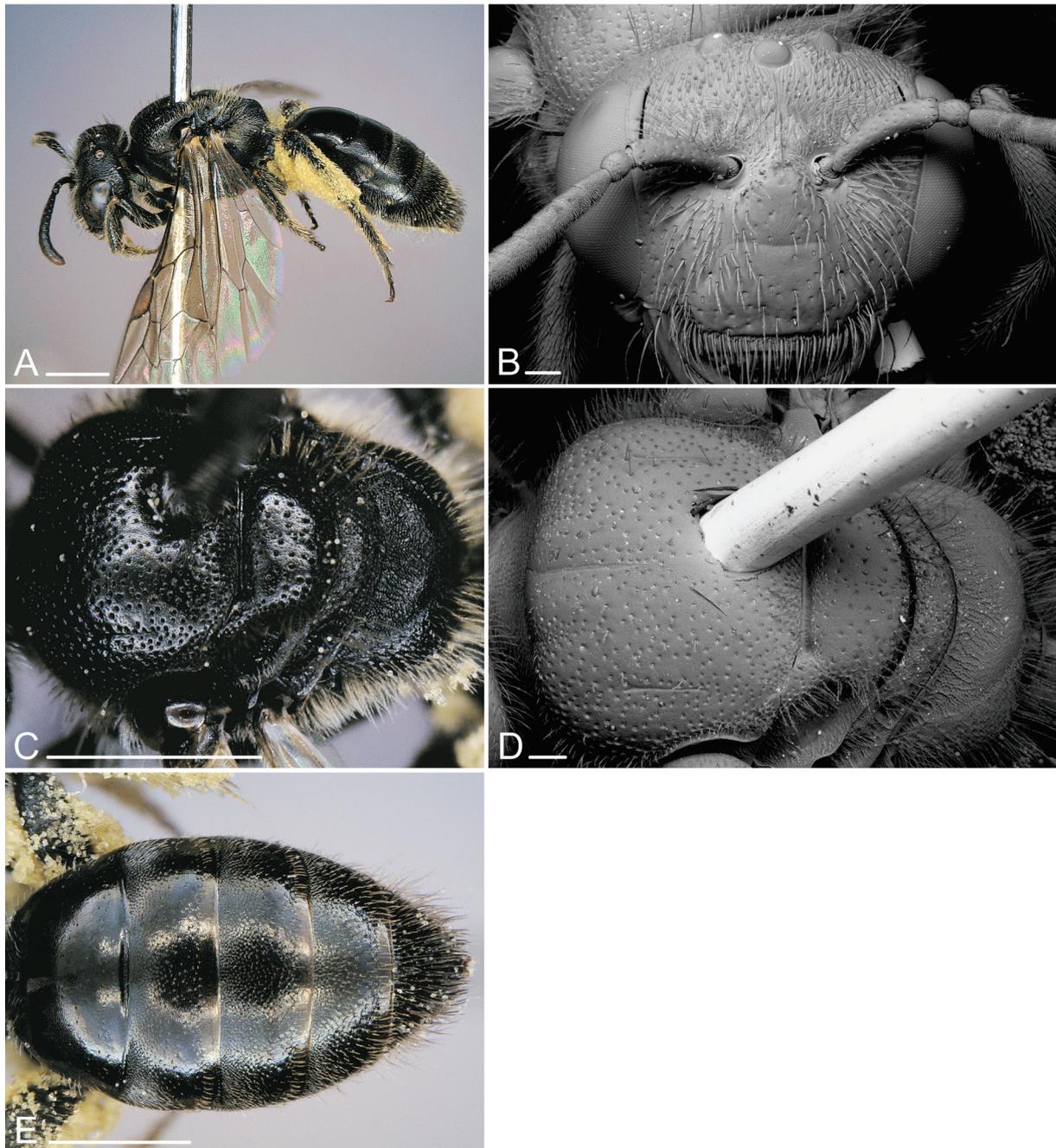


Fig. 32. *Scrapper ulrikae* sp. nov., ♀. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Head (SEM). **C.** Thorax (dorsal view). **D.** Thorax (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** Metasoma (dorsal view). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

MK (RCMK); 2 ♀♀, Farm Kanolfontein, 20 km W of Sutherland, road side, 1385 m, 32°24'43" S, 20°27'28" E, 7 Sep. 2012, MK (RCMK).

Description

Female

BODY LENGTH. 6.0–6.4 mm.

HEAD. Head wider than long. Integument black, except part of mandibles dark reddish-brown. Face sparsely covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 32B). Clypeus slightly convex with coarse and dense punctation ($i = 0.5\text{--}2$ d); surface between punctures smooth and shiny (Fig. 32B). Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally blackish-brown, ventrally yellowish-brown.

MESOSOMA. Integument black, tegula dark reddish-brown. Mesoscutal disc between punctures superficially reticulate but shiny; disc densely ($i = 0.5\text{--}1.0$ d) and coarsely punctate (Fig. 32C–D). Metanotum only about half as long as basal area of propodeum, apically with narrow carinate depression (Fig. 32D). Propodeum basally coarsely and broadly carinate (Fig. 32D). Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum sparsely covered with short, yellowish-grey, erect hair (Fig. 32A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black to dark reddish-brown; fore tibia anteriorly in basal half with small yellowish spot. Vestiture greyish-white, scopa greyish-white, dorsally dark brown (Fig. 32A).

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga broadly or narrowly translucent reddish-brown, sometimes yellowish (Fig. 32E). Discs of T1 and T2 without hair; following terga with very few and short but increasingly more and longer hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 32E). Prepygidial and pygidial fimbriae blackish-brown. T1 almost impunctate, superficially sculptured and shiny; T2–T3 basally densely sculptured, matt and finely but densely punctate, apically almost polished and shiny, with sparse but larger punctation; T2–T4 with polished broad apical tergal depression (Fig. 32E).

Male

BODY LENGTH. 5.5–5.8 mm.

HEAD. Head slightly wider than long. Integument black, except mandible partly dark reddish-brown. Face densely covered with long, greyish-white, erect hair. Malar area medially narrow, almost linear. Antenna dorsally dark brown, ventrally yellowish-brown (Fig. 33A).

MESOSOMA. Integument black. Mesoscutal disc between impunctate and densely sculptured, completely matt. Mesoscutum, scutellum, metanotum, mesepisternum and propodeum covered with long, greyish, erect hair (Fig. 33A).

WINGS. Slightly yellowish-brown; wing venation and stigma brown.

LEGS. Integument black, fore tibia anteriorly yellow, base of mid and hind tibia with small yellow spot (Fig. 33A). Hind tibia unmodified. Vestiture greyish-white.

METASOMA. Integument black, apical margins of terga partly narrowly translucent yellowish to reddish-brown (Fig. 33C). Disc of T1 and basal half of T2–T4 densely covered with band of very fine, short, erect, silverish hair; apical tergal hair bands missing on all terga (Fig. 33C). T1 almost impunctate, sculptured and matt, following terga densely ($i < 0.5\text{--}1$ d) and finely punctate, between punctures polished or

superficially sculptured, shiny to slightly matt; terga with narrow, polished to superficially sculptured but shiny apical tergal depression (Fig. 33C). Sterna without conspicuous long apical hair fringes.

TERMINALIA. Genitalia (Fig. 33B), S7 (Fig. 33D) and terminal plate of S8 (Fig. 33F) as illustrated.

Distribution

The species is known from sandstone Fynbos around Nieuwoudtville to the vicinity of Sutherland.

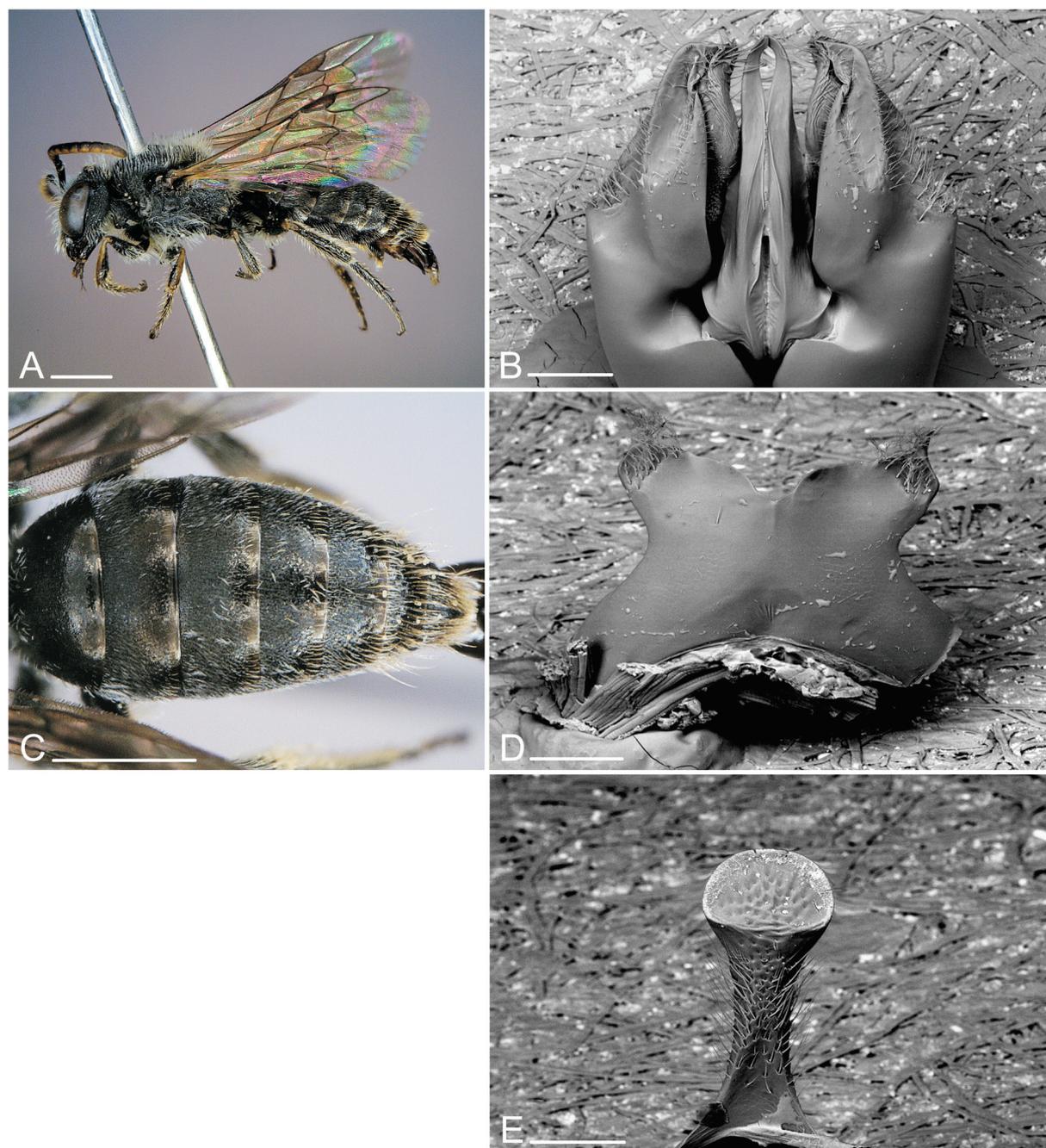


Fig. 33. *Scapter ulrikae* sp. nov., ♂. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Genitalia (dorsal view, SEM). **C.** Metasoma (dorsal view). **D.** S7 (dorsal view, SEM). **E.** S8, apical end (SEM). Scale bars: photos: 1 mm, SEM: 0.1 mm.

Floral hosts

Brassicaceae: white and blue *Heliophila* sp.

Seasonal activity

August–September.

Key to species of "euryglossiform" *Scapter*

Due to their small size, the similarity of many species and the subtle, often gradual differences between some of them, identification can be very difficult, particularly in females. For males it is generally recommended to dissect genitalia and hidden sterna S7 and S8.

Females

The females of *S. glareus* and *S. minutissimus* sp. nov. are unknown.

- 1 Stigma bright yellow (Fig. 11A)*S. luteistigma* sp. nov. 2
- Stigma light to dark brown 2
- 2 Apical tergal margins broadly brownish to yellowish translucent (Figs 1B, 28B, 32E); larger species 3
- Apical tergal margins black or very narrowly brownish translucent; smaller species 5
- 3 Punctuation on basal part of clypeus much finer than apically (Fig. 28C–D); foretibia entirely or predominantly yellowish to reddish brown (Fig. 28A)*S. sittybon* Davies 4
- Punctuation on clypeus more evenly sized (Figs 1C–D, 32B); foretibia dominantly dark blackish-brown (Figs 1A, 32A) 4
- 4 Metasomal terga between punctures smooth and shiny (Fig. 1B); clypeus distinctly convex (Fig. 1C–D)*S. acanthophorus* Davies 8
- Metasomal terga between punctures finely sculptured, slightly matt (Fig. 32E); clypeus more flat (Fig. 32B)*S. ulrikae* sp. nov. 8
- 5 Scutum sparsely and finely punctured, looking almost impunctate and shiny (Figs 6E–F, 8E–F) 6
- Scutum more densely and coarsely punctured 8
- 6 Supraclypeal area, clypeus (Fig. 6C–D) and mesepisternum only partially and superficially reticulate, more shiny*S. exiguus* sp. nov. 7
- Supraclypeal area apically, clypeus basally (Fig. 8C–D) and mesepisternum extensively and strongly reticulate, matt 7
- 7 Facial fovea slightly shorter than in *S. gessorum* sp. nov. (Fig. 4A–B); a variable species with respect to surface sculpture and punctuation (Figs 3C–F, 4A–D)*S. albitarsis* (Fries) 9
- Facial fovea slightly longer than in *S. albitarsis* (Fig. 8D)*S. gessorum* sp. nov. 9
- 8 Clypeus and supraclypeal area matt, strongly reticulate, very sparsely, finely and shallowly punctate (Fig. 10C–D)*S. inexpectatus* sp. nov. 9
- Clypeus and supraclypeal area more shiny, only partly or superficially sculptured, punctuation usually stronger and denser 9
- 9 Metasomal terga finely and densely punctate, between punctures completely smooth and shiny (Fig. 18B)*S. nigerrimus* sp. nov. 9

- Metasomal terga either impunctate or with more dispersed/coarser punctation; if punctation is similar (some specimens of *S. punctatus* sp. nov.) then terga at least basally with superficial sculpture and slightly matt 10
- 10 Metasomal terga impunctate (Figs 19E, 25E); scutum distinctly reticulate and shallowly punctate (Figs 19B, 25C–D) 11
 - Metasomal terga punctate, sometimes punctures minute (Fig. 26E); scutum either without reticulation or only very weakly reticulate 12
- 11 Basal area of propodeum distinctly and largely carinate (Fig. 19B) *S. nigratarsis* sp. nov.
 - Basal area of propodeum along anterior margin indistinctly carinate (Fig. 25C–D) *S. pygmaeus* sp. nov.
- 12 Scutum covered with large punctures (Figs 23C–D, 30C–D) 13
 - Scutum covered with smaller punctures (Figs 14E–F, 15C–D, 16E–F, 21C–F, 26C–D) 14
- 13 Basal area of propodeum shorter, medially only slightly longer than metanotum; few, short and indistinct carinae (Fig. 23C–D) *S. punctatus* sp. nov.
 - Basal area of propodeum longer, medially about 1.5 times as long as metanotum; carinae longer and more distinct than in *S. punctatus* (Fig. 30C–D) *S. spinipes* sp. nov.
- 14 Punctation of metasomal terga minute, almost invisible (Fig. 26E) *S. roggeveldi* sp. nov.
 - Punctation of metasomal terga much coarser and clearly visible (Figs 14B, 15E, 16B, 21G–H) ... 15
- 15 Head distinctly broader than long (Figs 14C–D, 16C–D) 16
 - Head about as long as broad (Figs 15B, 21B) 17
- 16 Clypeus, supraclypeal area and T1 mostly polished and shiny, only partially very finely and superficially sculptured, slightly matt (Fig. 14B–D) *S. minutuloides* sp. nov.
 - Clypeus, supraclypeal area and T1 (particularly anteriorly) mostly finely sculptured and matt (Fig. 16B–D) *S. nanus* sp. nov.
- 17 Metanotum apically more evenly rounded, without distinct carinate depression (Fig. 15D); fore tibia anteriorly largely yellowish-brown *S. minutus* sp. nov.
 - Metanotum apically with a carinate depression (Fig. 21D, F); fore tibia anteriorly blackish, only at the base with a small yellowish spot *S. papkuilsi* sp. nov.

Males

The males of *S. gessorum* sp. nov., *S. inexpectatus* sp. nov., *S. minutuloides* sp. nov., *S. minutus* sp. nov., *S. nigerrimus* sp. nov. and *S. pygmaeus* sp. nov. are unknown.

- 1 Antennal flagellum medially broadened, entirely orange (Fig. 12B); stigma bright yellow (Fig. 12A); S7 and S8 as in Fig. 12D, F *S. luteistigma* sp. nov.
 - Antennal flagellum not broadened, only partly yellowish; stigma darker 2
- 2 Antenna long, last flagellar segment about twice as long as wide (Fig. 24E); S7 and S8 as in Fig. 24D, F *S. punctatus* sp. nov.
 - Antenna shorter, last flagellar segment at most 1.5 times as long as wide 3
- 3 Hind tibia inside apically broadened, pointed (Fig. 22E) or forming either a spine (Figs 2E, 31E) or a \pm right angle (Fig. 27G) 4

– Hind tibia unmodified, if apically broadened then without spine or ± sharp edge	7
4 Hind tibia inside apically forming a ± right angle (Fig. 27G); S4–S5 with conspicuously long apical hair fringes (Fig. 27E); S7 and S8 as in Fig. 27D, F	<i>S. roggeveldi</i> sp. nov.
– Hind tibia inside apically pointed (Fig. 22E) or forming a spine (Figs 2E, 31E)	5
5 Hind tibia inside apically pointed (Fig. 22E); scutum and metasomal terga finely punctate (Fig. 22C); S7 and S8 as in Fig. 22D, F	<i>S. papkuilsi</i> sp. nov.
– Hind tibia inside apically with spine (Figs 2E, 31E); scutum and metasomal terga coarsely punctate (Figs 2C, 31C)	6
6 Hind tibia apically with longer spine (Fig. 31E); metasomal terga densely punctate (Fig. 31C); S7 and S8 as in Fig. 31D, F	<i>S. spinipes</i> sp. nov.
– Hind tibia apically with shorter spine (Fig. 2E); metasomal terga sparsely punctate (Fig. 2C); S7 and S8 as in Fig. 2D, F	<i>S. acanthophorus</i> Davies
7 Hind basitarsus brown to blackish	8
– Hind basitarsus yellowish	11
8 Hind tibia apically slightly swollen and curved (Fig. 29E); scutum between punctures smooth and shiny; S7 and S8 as in Fig. 29D, F	<i>S. sittybon</i> Davies
– Hind tibia unmodified; scutum between punctures sculptured and matt	9
9 Basal half of T2–T4 densely covered with short, erect, silverish hair (Fig 33C); S7 and S8 as in Fig. 33D–E	<i>S. ulrikae</i> sp. nov.
– Basal half of T2–T4 almost hairless (Figs 17C, E, 20C)	10
10 Discs of metasomal terga impunctate, very finely and regularly sculptured (Fig. 20C); S7 and S8 as in Fig. 20D–E	<i>S. nigratarsis</i> sp. nov.
– Discs of metasomal terga partly punctate, strongly to heavily and irregularly sculptured (Fig. 17C, E); S7 and S8 as in Fig. 17D, F	<i>S. nanus</i> sp. nov.
11 Hind tibia yellow with a brown spot on the back side (Fig. 9A, C); S7 and S8 as in Fig. 9D–E	<i>S. glareus</i> Davies
– Hind tibia mostly black (Figs 5A, 7A, 13A)	12

The males of the following three species are very similar and can be best separated by S7 and S8.

12 S7 without membraneous apicolateral lobes (Fig. 13D); S8 as in Fig. 13E ...	<i>S. minutissimus</i> sp. nov.
– S7 with membraneous apicolateral lobes (Figs 5D, 7D)	13
13 S7 apically with emargination slightly broader and shallower (Fig. 5D)	<i>S. albitarsis</i> (Friese)
– S7 apically with emargination slightly narrower and deeper (Fig. 7D)	<i>S. exiguus</i> sp. nov.

Discussion

The present study includes the description of 16 new species of the bee genus *Scapter*, quadrupling the number of taxa known from this species-group. Almost all descriptions are based on specimens collected over the last ten years in western South Africa, highlighting the importance of additional fieldwork even in relatively well sampled regions. The description of the "euryglossiform" *Scapter* species-group and discovery of additional species might also allow for a better future understanding of the phylogenetic relationships of the Scaptrinae. "Euryglossiform" *Scapter* resemble some Australian

Euryglossinae, potentially reflecting a sister-group relationship of both subfamilies as suggested by Almeida & Danforth (2009). However, a more comprehensive taxonomic and phylogenetic study of *Scapter* is required, including the full extent of the (undescribed) diversity in other species-groups, to understand intrageneric and sister-group relationships.

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