

***Neoceratitis cyanescens* (Bezzi)**

*Pardalaspis cyanescens* Bezzi, 1923: 529.

*Perilampsis bourbonica* Munro, 1954 : 546. Junior synonym, by Hancock 1984

**Male**

Body length: 4.18 (3.20–4.80) mm; wing length: 4.15 (3.00–4.70) mm.

Head. Antenna yellow, first flagellomere about three times as long as wide; arista pubescent with hairs at most equal to basal width. Frons yellow, between dorsal frontal seta and ventral orbital seta usually with pair of darker spots; dorsal half with golden microtrichia; setae black. Face yellow-white, ventral eye margin with darker yellow to brown spot; occiput dorsal third yellowish to yellow-brown, ventral half yellow-white.

Thorax. Postpronotal lobe whitish, at most anterior margin slightly brownish. Scutum ratio 0.90–0.99; scutum shining black-brown, silver microtrichia in typical pattern except more extensive than in other species; dark pilosity except where silver microtrichia with silvery setulae. Pleura brown, anepisternum with white band occupying posterodorsal part, extending to postpronotal lobe, its ventral margin extending to posteroventral fourth of anepisternum; katatergite and anatergite whitish, posteroventral third to half of katatergite and posteroventral fourth of anatergite brown; one black anepisternal seta. Scutellum swollen with straight margin near basal seta, white, basal margin and apical half black-brown.

Legs. Yellow, fore femur at least with yellow-brown streak posterodorsally, sometime more extensively darkened; mid and hind femora largely yellow-brown except apically yellow.

Wing. With discal, subapical, anterior apical and posterior apical brown bands, all well developed. Basal brownish part partially confluent with subbasal brown spots and streaks. Subapical band isolated. R-M ratio 0.73–0.75.

Abdomen. Shining yellow to reddish, occasionally more brownish. Tergite 2 along posterior 1/2 and tergite 4 along posterior 1/2 to 3/4 with transverse band of silvery microtrichia, anterior half with brownish microtrichia. Male terminalia with lateral surstylus elongated.

**Female**

Body length: 4.65 (3.90–5.00) mm; wing length: 4.59 (4.00–5.00) mm.

As male except for the following characters: arista pubescence slightly longer, up to almost twice the width of the arista. Femora more yellowish, usually at most with irregular yellow-brown streaks, rarely as darkened as in male. Oviscape half as long as abdominal tergites 1-5 jointly, shining yellow to reddish. Aculeus brown; six times as long as wide; apically evenly tapered; apex with subapical steps.

(Description after De Meyer & Freidberg, 2012)