

third to sixth closely punctured at the base and sides, sparsely elsewhere. Clypeus strongly convex transversely, twice as wide as long. Second joint of the flagellum very nearly four times longer than wide at the apex and two and three-tenths longer than the third, the seventh, eighth and ninth dentate on the inner margin. Vertex deeply depressed on each side of the ocellar area. Second sternite with a large compressed tooth, its apex rounded, the sixth with a subtriangular platform, the seventh with a median longitudinal carina; the seventh tergite broadly semi-elliptical, the sides feebly sinuate near the apex. Middle femora edentate on the lower margin, the middle basitarsus moderately dilated in the middle. Outer paramera of the genitalia with a prominent expansion on the outside between the middle and the apical third, clearly visible from above.

♀. 13.5 mm. long. Apical half of the mandibles black, clypeus entirely yellow. The yellow areas on the sides of the face have an angular expansion mesad surrounding the antennal sockets. Hind margin of the mesonotum very narrowly dull yellow. Sides of the epinotum with an ovoid yellow macula. Sixth tergite flavo-ferruginous, shining sparsely and coarsely punctured. Hind tibiae entirely yellow. Otherwise like the ♂ in colour and sculpture, but the mesonotum is nitidulous. Second joint of the flagellum twice as long as the third and nearly five times longer than wide at the apex.

Naivasha, Kenya, September, 3 ♂♂, 1 ♀ (*H. J. A. Turner*). Type and allotypes in the B.M. (ex Coryndon Museum), ♂ paratypes in the Coryndon Museum and the N.M.S.R.

Allied to *B. fuscipennis* and easily distinguished from all other African species by the lateral and ventrad expansion of the outer paramera of the genitalia. The shape of the pale bands on the abdomen is very similar to that of *B. sibilans* Hndl.

### ***Bembix brachyptera* n.sp. (figs. 12, 12a, b)**

♀. 19–20 mm. long. Black. Labrum, mandibles excepting the apex, clypeus, lower half of the sides of the face, a transverse bar below the ocelli, the temples more widely below than above, pronotum, a large macula on the mesonotum, smaller maculae on the sides of the epinotum, the posterior corners of the scutellum, a V-shaped mark below the epinotal dorsum and the lateral margins of the epinotal declivity, pale lemon yellow. Angular lateral maculae on the first three tergites, a sinuate band, interrupted in the middle, on the fourth tergite, the fifth tergite except at the base and the apical half of the sixth tergite, pale chrome yellow. Sternites 2–5 with triangular pale yellow maculae on each side. Anterior coxae and trochanters, a spot on the middle coxae and the legs, pale chrome yellow; the femora with narrow black streaks below, the fore and middle tibiae with small black spots near the base on the upper side. Flagellum reddish brown above, reddish ochreous below, the first and second joints black above, the scapes entirely yellow. Wings hyaline, tinged with yellow, short or not extending back beyond the hind