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Remarks. A slight difference in the shape of the uncus from that of the Chinese specimen (Figure 3, indicated by arrow) is observed, and it is considered an individual variation so far. However, further study involving more material is necessary. It is known that larvae bore into the seeds of C. oleifera Abel (Chen et al 2013).
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Diagnosis. This species is similar to *N. spiniharpella* Kuznetzov & Sinev, 1985 in color and markings of the forewing, but it can be distinguished from the latter by the following characters in the male genitalia: uncus broadly elongate, with round apex; gnathos with stronger, larger triangular median dentates; dorsal process of valva narrow in basal 2/5, with broadly expanded spatulate distal part, densely setose with long setae; ventral part of valva with more heavily sclerotized, sickle-shaped process apically; sacculus broadened beyond middle, then narrowed.

Description. Wingspan, 13 mm (Figure 5). Head smooth with appressed scales, pale yellowish brown dorsally; frons pale yellowish brown, with dark fuscous scales in lower part. Antennal scape covered with large, yellowish brown scales; flagellum dark gray, with well-developed notch at base (Figure 6, indicated as arrow). Labial pulpus was not available for description because of severe damage.

Male genitalia (Figure 7). Uncus broad, parallel sided; apex more or less rounded. Gnathos with stronger, larger, triangular dentates medially. Dorsal process of valva narrow in basal 2/5, with broadly expanded, large spatulate distal part, densely setose with long setae; ventral part with heavily sclerotized, sickle-shaped process apically, with long setae along outer margin below apical process; basal process of valva more or less semiglobular in basal 1/3, with extremely long, heavily sclerotized spine, longer than sacculus.

Female. Unknown.

Distribution. Korea (Jeju).

Remarks. This species is described, based on a single male, which was collected in the citrus farm in Seogwipo, Jeju-do. However, no information is available for the larval habits of this species.

Etymology. This new species is named after Dr JH Song, an entomologist, who collected the holotype specimen.