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## An Additional Annotated List of the Ants of Mississippi (Hym.: Formicidae).\*

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In a previous article (Ent. News, Vol. 42 pp. 16-24, 1931) 20 species of ants were recorded for Mississippi This article lists 9 additional species, making a total of 135 for the state.

It is not only to be noted that all of the species given here fall within the sub-family *Myrmicinae* but furthermore that the majority of them belong to the genus *Strumigenys*. Of the 16 species recorded for North America in my recent revisionary paper, (Annals Ent. Soc. Amer., Vol. 24, pp. 686-710, 1931), approximately 63 per cent have been taken in Mississippi.

An especially interesting record is that of *Myrmica punctiventris pinetorum*, the second species of *Myrmica* to be recorded for the state, which is at this time represented in our collection by a single specimen.

127. STRUMIGENYS (C.) MEMBRANIFERA SUBSP. SIMILLIMA Emery. Avera (H. Dietrich and E. Lott), Waynesboro (G. L. Bond), West Point (M. R. Smith and E. E. Byrd), Belzoni (G. W. Haug), Columbus and Greenwood (J. W. Ward).

This exceedingly small (1.5 mm.) but very distinct species is recorded in the United States for the first time, having been previously known only from the Virgin Islands. It is one of the most common species of *Strumigenys* in Mississippi. Colonies are usually found in the soil beneath objects lying on the surface, but in one instance a colony was found in the woodwork of an old, deserted house.

The ant can readily be distinguished by the following characters: (1) the very distinct rectangular shape of its head anteriorly; (2) the very angular antennal scapes; (3) the strongly marginate prothorax; and (4) the almost complete absence of scale-like hairs on the body except for the presence of two short, erect, club-like hairs on the vertex of the head.

128. Strumigenys (C.) angulata M. R. Smith. Louis-

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