

Worker. Length 5.2 mm. Head strikingly slender, excluding mandibles, 1.2 times longer than broad, with weakly convex almost subparallel sides, the posterior portion rounded and narrowed behind the eyes. Eye extraordinarily large and protuberant, 0.35 mm. in its greatest diameter and with 18-20 ommatidia in this linear space. Scape unusually long and slender, gradually broadening toward its apex, the apex exceeding the posterior border of the head by approximately the combined lengths of the first two funicular segments; funiculus slender, with all segments longer than broad, the last 4 or 5 segments perceptibly enlarged but not forming a very distinct club. Middle of the anterior border of the clypeus with a weak but distinct emargination or impression. Thorax in profile with the dorsal surface of the mesothorax sloping obliquely toward the epinotum and forming a depressed or weakly concave outline. Mesoepinotal impression well defined. Base of epinotum subhorizontal, with a medioposterior impression bordered laterally by weak carinae, each ending in a very small tuberclelike spine. Legs rather long and slender, the femora and tibiae not especially enlarged. Anterior surface of petiolar node, in profile, meeting dorsal surface of pedicel at a distinct but weakly defined angle; anterior surface of the petiolar node precipitous, posterior surface of the node oblique. Postpetiole in profile not much larger than petiole; its anterior surface more sloping and its posterior surface less oblique. Gaster from above subelliptical, without basal humeri.

Prothorax, petiole, postpetiole and gaster somewhat smooth and shiny. Mandibles, cheeks, clypeus, mesothorax and epinotum subopaque.

Hairs not abundant or unusually long, present on under side of head as well as on dorsal surface of body. Pilosity of legs generally more abundant than that of body, and also more suberect on tibiae and tarsi.

Color of body under a microscope lamp and at a magnification of 20.7 and 43.2 a sordid light brown or sordid yellow, of a "callowlike" appearance; the large black eyes especially noticeable and forming a strong color contrast with the body.

Type locality. One mile north of Camp Foster, Pyramid Lake, Washoe County, Nevada.

Types. Described from a holotype and 42 paratype workers collected by Ira LaRivers, April 20, 1952, from under a rock in a railroad gravel pit. The holotype and paratype workers have been placed in the U. S. National Museum under U.S.N.M. Type No. 66829.

Other localities. **Nevada:** 10 miles south of Lovelock, Pershing County, May 13, 1951, Ira LaRivers, under a rock associated with *Araeoschizus*; Mercury, Nye County, August 4, 1961, A. C. Cole. **Oregon:** Malheur County, June 14, 1962, R. R. Snelling. **Arizona:** Dateland, Yuma County, 150 ft., October 27, 1952, W. S. Creighton. **California:** 3 miles west of Lone Pine, Inyo County, 4,400 ft., May 3, 1952, W. S. Creighton.

Workers vary in length from 4.4 to 5.2 mm. Paratypes differ from the holotype in their longer and more slender heads; in the epinotal spines ranging in size from almost completely absent to small but perceptible and tuberclelike; in the variable pilosity of some individuals, especially notice-