

able on the under side of the head and on the front coxae; and in the variable but weak infuscation of the gaster.

This common ant is widespread and will very probably be found in Utah, Idaho and Mexico. It appears to be largely crepuscular or nocturnal. W. S. Creighton *in litt.* said "—as regards the Dateland, Arizona specimens I can give you a fairly reliable picture of the circumstances under which they were taken even though the field notes for the trip are at the island. In 1952 the highway that runs through Dateland was a dividing line between irrigated land to the south and non irrigated desert to the north. The irrigated area supported, as you would expect, an extensive stand of date palms. The non irrigated area consisted of a sandy area of small dunes about 10-15 ft. high. There were a few bushes and considerable bunch grass but the place was not nearly so sandy as Grey's Well, California, although the sand seemed less prone to shift. We arrived at the station just before dusk and while supper was being prepared, I found the *Aphanogaster* colony which had begun to forage in the dusk and kept it up after dark. There is no doubt that the thing is nocturnal and, what is more, it has its marriage flight at night!—The nest was not at all conspicuous since it consisted of a single nest opening with no crater or mound. I suppose that is because the excavated material is soon displaced by the wind."

R. R. Snelling, who collected the species in Malheur County, Oregon, reported *in litt.* as follows, "These were taken at approximately 10:30 P.M. while foraging. The night was quite cool, 50-52 Fahr., and windy. The sky cloudy, with occasional light showers at the time of the collection. The ants were quite active, and very difficult to capture because of their color and rapid movement. If the color, which blended quite well with the soil, is any indication at all, this species may well be a regular night forager. That the ants were active at such relatively low temperatures would seem to support this view."