

15. Cheeks with a number of long, erect hairs. Dorsal surface of gaster with numerous long, erect hairs. Scapes and funiculi strongly thickened from base to apex (fig. 50).

*Acanthomyops latipes* (Walsh) (p. 91).

- Cheeks lacking erect hairs. Dorsal surface of thorax and gaster with short, erect, hairs. Scapes and funiculi perceptibly but not strongly thickened from base to apex (fig. 49)-----*Acanthomyops murphyi* (Forel) (p. 89).

16. Terminal segments of the maxillary palpus successively and gradually decreasing in length toward the apex of the palpus. Petiole in profile with a narrow and thin summit, the dorsal border usually with a very distinct emargination. Dorsal surface of gaster bearing abundant short, suberect hairs of approximately the same length (fig. 46)-----*Lasius umbratus* (Nylander) (p. 84).

Terminal segments of the maxillary palpus rather long and of approximately the same length-----

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17. Antennal scapes and tibiae with numerous suberect or erect hairs. Penultimate basal tooth of mandible markedly reduced in size relative to the two flanking teeth; or the gap between the penultimate and terminal basal teeth tends to be larger in area than the terminal basal tooth and variable in shape. Color light brown to medium brown, rarely dark brown. Anterior border of the median clypeal lobe obtusely angular (fig. 45)-----*Lasius neoniger* Emery (p. 81).

Antennal scapes and tibiae either without suberect or erect hairs or usually with less than 10 each. Penultimate and terminal basal teeth subequal in size, and the gap between them of about the same area as the terminal tooth and constant in shape. Body color brown, to very dark brown, or approaching blackish. Anterior border of the median clypeal lobe forming an even, broad, parabolic curve (fig. 44)-----*Lasius, alienus* (Foerster) (p. 80).