

The two nests of fungus-growers, while close together, were unconnected although foraging workers of each must have continually passed by the nest of the other.

*Cyphomyrmex rimosus curiapensis* Weber

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*Curiapensis* is a comparatively large and coarsely tuberculate form. The type locality is the village of Curiapo on Isla Curiapo in the Orinoco Delta. It is also recorded from British Guiana.

The type colony was associated with one of the far larger fungus-grower, *Acromyrmex octospinosus*, in irregular cavities in the trunk of a tree. The *Cyphomyrmex* nested about 15 cm. above the larger ants whose nest itself extended about 75 cm. above the ground. The smaller ants were using spaces in humus and general debris between the outer and inner leaves at the base of an epiphyte. In the portion of the colony collected were 90 workers, five alate females and seven males, in addition to brood. It is probable that the colony amounted to nearer 200 adults than 100.

Associated with the *Cyphomyrmex* was a nest of the tiny myrmicine ant, *Wasmannia auropunctata* Roger whose chambers must have anastomosed with those of the other ant. They were probably not hostile. A small *Pheidole* nested here. Also there were eggs and young of a small centipede and workers of the following ants: *Crematogaster*, *Leptothorax*, *Cryptocerus*, *Pseudomyrma*, *Paratrechina longicornis* Latr. and *Nylanderia*. A few small red-brown Hemiptera with spiny legs collected with the *Cyphomyrmex* may have been myrmecophilous. The termite, *Mirotermes* (M.) *medioculatus* Emerson (det. Emerson) occurred about the nests of both fungus-growers as did sowbugs and small snails.

*Cyphomyrmex rimosus venezuelensis* Weber

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