

but this and its var. *exilior*, Forel, are even paler in colour than the typical *discors*. The new variety is very close to var. *obscurior*, Forel, from Victoria, in pubescence, but this form is brownish-yellow, with the head and gaster brown, the latter with feeble metallic-green reflections.

A single worker from Flat Rock Hole in the Musgrave Ranges.

16. IRIDOMYRMEX CYANEUS, n. sp.

*Worker*.—Length, 1.5-1.7 mm.

Head a little longer than broad, as broad behind as in front, broadest in the middle through the convex sides. Posterior border nearly straight. Eyes rather large, feebly convex, in the median transverse diameter of the head. Mandibles small, retracted under the clypeus, which is very convex, with feebly and sinuately excised anterior border. Frontal area distinct, triangular; frontal carinae short; frontal groove absent. Antennal scapes extending to the posterior border of the head, funicular joints 2-10 slightly broader than long, first joint three times as long as broad. Thorax much narrower than the head, rather short; pronotum convex, evenly rounded, as broad as long; mesonotum a little broader than long, sloping, straight in profile; mesoëpinotal constriction short and deep; epinotum with a very convex, almost conical base, rising rather abruptly from the mesoëpinotal suture and falling behind into the rather steep and straight declivity. Petiole inclined forward, elliptical from behind, with rounded, entire apical border, narrower than the epinotum and about half as high. Gaster of the usual shape. Legs rather slender.

Surface of body shining, very finely but distinctly shagreened. Hairs whitish, absent except on the clypeus; pubescence extremely fine and appressed, visible only on the appendages. Body deep metallic-blue, antennae and legs piceous-black.

Two workers, one from Black Rock Hole in the Musgrave Ranges and one from Moorilyanna.

This species resembles *I. innocens*, Forel, in the shape of the thorax and petiole, but the head is of a very different shape, the antennal scapes and mesonotum are much shorter and the body is pilose and metallic.

17. IRIDOMYRMEX RUFONIGER, Lowne, var.

A single worker from Moorilyanna is very close to the var. *domesticus*, Forel, but is smaller (2.5 mm.). It may represent a distinct variety, but the material is insufficient to justify the introduction of a new name.