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***MYRMECINA GRAMINICOLA* (LATR., 1802)  
(HYMENOPTERA, FORMICIDAE) IN MADEIRA**

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**SUMMARY.** Two males of *Myrmecina graminicola* (LATR., 1802) were found at Portela, Madeira. This ant is to be added to the fifteen ant taxa known from Madeira, that is the southernmost locality for this species.

**SUMÁRIO.** Dois machos de *Myrmecina graminicola* foram encontrados na Portela, Madeira. Esta espécie de formiga é acrescentada aos quinze taxa de formigas conhecidas para a Madeira, que é a localidade mais meridional para esta espécie.

Only fifteen ant taxa are known to occur on the archipelago of Madeira (WHEELER, 1927; WELLENIUS, 1949); the small number of ant species on oceanic islands is a well known phenomenon (TAYLOR & WILSON, 1961; WILSON, 1973; HEINZE, 1986); any addition to the checklist is worth mention.

During a short visit to the Island, one of the authors (M.B.) got two males of a genus never reported for the archipelago: *Myrmecina graminicola* (LATREILLE, 1802). Both males were captured by sweeping vegetation at 16 hrs at a partially cultivated field near a laurel forest at Portela, Madeira, the 27 August, 1989.

This is the southernmost locality for the species. *Myrmecina* CURTIS, 1829 has its center of distribution in the Oriental region (EMERY, 1921; MANN, 1919, 1921; BROWN, 1973; ONOYAMA, 1980) with a single Australian species (TAYLOR & BROWN, 1985). The small *graminicola* group reaches Eurasia, North-America (BROWN, 1967; BERNARD, 1968) and Mediterranean Africa (CAGNIANT, 1973). The genus seems to be absent from the Ethiopian region (BOLTON, 1973). Some 35 taxa have been described; the comments of BERNARD (1968) about two hundred species seem without fundament. The genus has never been subjected to a formal revision.

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