

populations and have considerable impact on the local arthropod fauna. It is often also a domestic pest, attracted to all types of unprotected food. *P. oceanica* has similar habits, but is so far restricted to the Pacific Islands and New Guinea. *P. mus* is one of the smallest species of the genus in the Orient. The identification is tentative, being based on two minor workers, length 1.4mm. The specimens correspond with the original description. The head and alitrunk have close punctulate sculpture; the pronotum is laterally expanded; colour brown.

*Cardiocondyla emeryi* and *C. nuda* are cosmopolitan species, abundant throughout the tropics and subtropics. They are small, both in individual body size and as pest populations, and they forage individually rather than in large groups, so they have little impact on the human environment.

*Monomorium destructor* is a worldwide opportunist species feeding on animal and sugary substances, and is also known to damage fabrics and cable insulations. The other species listed are also widely distributed but have little impact on the environment.

*Tetramorium bicarinatum*, formerly referred to as *T. guineense* (F.) (see Bolton 1977), is one of the most successful tramp species, a frequent denizen of glasshouse environments in Europe and America and even living in the open in temperate North America. In the present collection the similar *T. pacificum* was present. *T. simillimum*, a much smaller species, is also a very widely distributed tramp species throughout the subtropics and is common in glasshouses. *T. smithi* is a first record for the Pacific Islands, but occurs widely in the Oriental region, including the Philippines, Malaysia and China. It is illustrated in figs 1 and 2. *Tetramorium* species, though frequent in most environments, seem to have little economic importance and are not known as domestic pests.

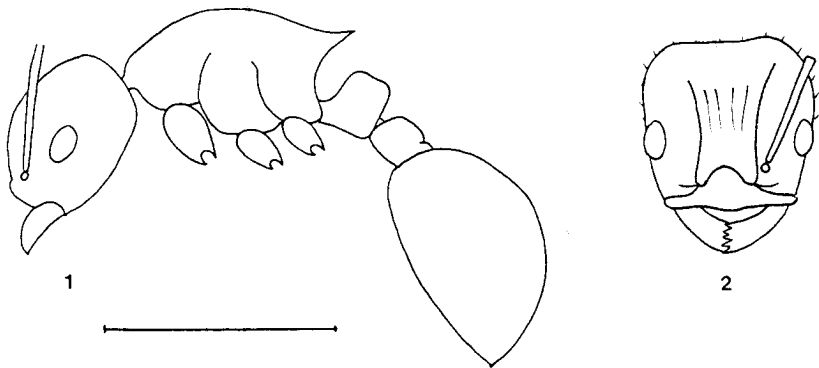


Fig. 1. — 1, *Tetramorium smithi* Mayr, worker, profile; 2, *T. smithi* Mayr, worker, head in frontal view. Scale line = 1mm.