Many species often have a widened postpetiole, as compared to width of petiole. In addition, the 12-segmented antenna has a relatively short scape, which fails to reach the occipital corner by at least one diameter, and the mesosoma is without a mesopropodeal constriction. This complex includes *L. adustus*, *L. brevispinosus*, *L. carinatus*, *L. chandleri*, *L. cokendolpheri*, *L. coleenae*, *L. davisi*, *L. furunculus*, *L. gallae*, *L. mexicanus*, *L. neomexicanus*, *L. nevadensis*, *L. obliquicanthus*, *L. punctithorax*, *L. rugithorax*, *L. rugulosus*, *L. schmittii*, *L. stenotyle*, *L. texanus*, and *L. tricarinatus*. This complex is closely related to the andersoni complex, but can be separated by the 3 prominent carinae on the clypeus. Specimens with weakly developed carinae, or which do not key well in the following key, will probably be members of the andersoni species complex.

KEY TO THE WORKERS OF THE SPECIES OF THE TRICARINATUS COMPLEX

 Top of pronotum smooth and glossy (Fig. 19, left); dorsum of head smooth and glossy (Fig 22, left)
3(2). Propodeal armature of worker represented only as bumps (Fig. 24); propodeal spines of female with blunt tips; node of petiole of male low and weakly concave posteriorly
— Propodeal armsture of worker poorly developed and a vide (Fig. 100)
— Propodeal armature of worker poorly developed angles (Fig. 133);
propodeal spines of female with acute tips; node of petiole of male
higher and somewhat concave posteriorly
4(1). Propodeal armature consisting of small angles which are less
than 1/3 distance between bases (Fig. 19, right) 5
— Propodeal armature consisting of definite spines, that are usually at
least 1/3 as long as distance between bases (Fig. 19, left) 16
5(4). Eyes relatively small, greatest length less than distance from
anterior border of eye to base of mandible (Fig. 102); dorsum of head
with rugae, or densely punctate (Fig. 41) 6
- Eyes larger, maximum diameter nearly equal to distance between
eye and insertion of antenna (Fig. 41, right); dorsum of head with
fine striae, or partly smooth and polished (Fig. 31, left)