

Fig. 179. Head of a cotype worker of *Leptothorax terrigena*. The sculpture is shown only on the right side of the figure.

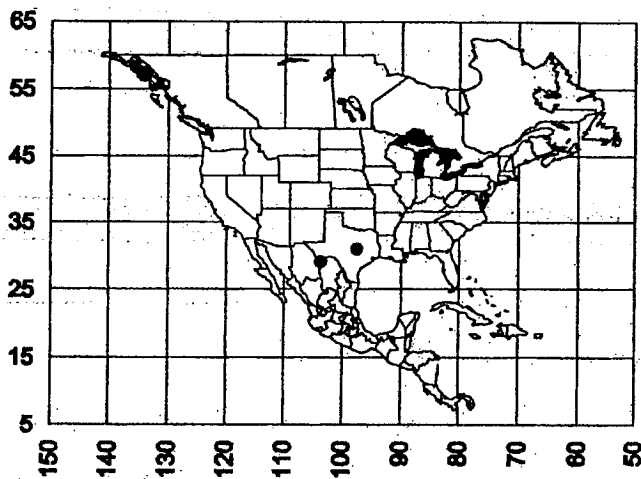
(Chisos Mountains) (Map 52).

Type series: AMNH, MCZC [seen].

Discussion: This is an easily recognized species. Its light yellow color and very finely, but distinctly and completely punctate head separate it from most other species in the genus. The mesosoma is punctate in a similar manner, although the punctures are somewhat coarser. The heavily and densely punctate head would separate this species from most other species, including *L. furunculus* and *L. andrei*. The relatively small eyes (maximum diameter about equal to distance between anterior margin of eye and base of mandible) would separate it from *L.*

*bestelmeyeri*. This species can be distinguished from the similar *L. andersoni* by the smooth and glossy dorsum of the gaster.

Biology: This species nests in and on the ground and under stones. It is reasonably common in Austin (Feener, 1981) and in the Chisos Mountains of southwestern TX in pinyons, desert canyons and high forests (Van Pelt, 1983).



Map 52. Distribution of *Leptothorax terrigena*.

*Leptothorax (Myrafant) texanus* Wheeler

Figs. 57, 180, & 181; Map 53

*Leptothorax texanus* Wheeler, 1903a:223, 245-247, Plate 12, Fig. 16 worker, female, male, Texas, Milan Co., Milano; Wheeler and Wheeler,