

broader than long (0.8:1.5); petiole and post-petiole, 0.75:1.5; pronotum with transverse rugae anteriorly, rest of alitrunk; petiole, post-petiole very densely punctured.

*Gaster* (Figs. 7,8): Oval, first tergite very densely and remaining tergites finely punctured.

Head, anterior part of alitrunk (pronotum, mesonotum); post-petiole; gaster almost black; remaining dark reddish brown.

*Paratype Minor (worker)* (Figs. 9,10): Length : 3 mm; Head length 0.66 mm; Head width: 0.60 mm; Scape length: 1.13 mm; Scape index: 188.3; Eye diameter : 0.16 mm; Pronotal width : 0.41 mm; Alitrunk : 1.29 mm; Cephalic index: 90.90.

Head oval posteriorly, straightening up anteriorly; mandibles with 3rd tooth reduced; scape long, extending beyond top of head by more than half of its length; eyes slightly above mid-line of head; pronotum rounded above; propodeal spines small and acute; propodeum with flat anterior portion; petiole triangular without appendage; post-petiole oval; head finely punctured; alitrunk densely punctured with few irregular striations; petiole, post-petiole, gaster finely punctured; rest like major except dark reddish brown colour replaced by yellowish brown.

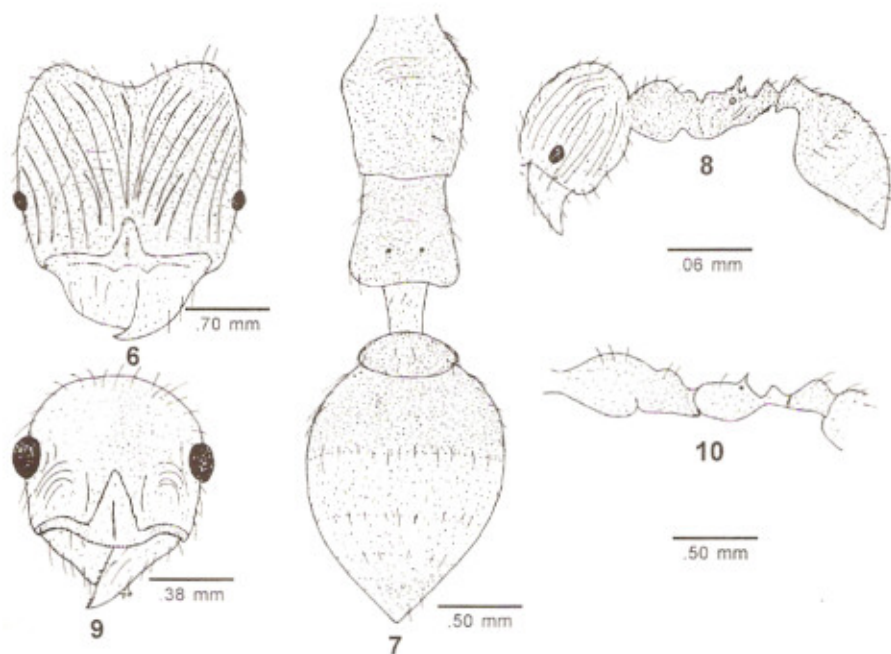


Fig. 6-10. *Pheidole duneraensis* sp. nov. 6) Head of Major of *P. duneraensis* sp. nov. 7) Dorsal view of Alitrunk, petiole, post-petiole, gaster of Major of *P. duneraensis* sp. nov. 8) Lateral view of *P. duneraensis* sp. nov. 9) Head of Minor of *P. duneraensis* sp. nov. 10). Lateral view (alitrunk, petiole, post-petiole) of Minor of *P. duneraensis* sp. nov.