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***Lasius austriacus* Schlick-Steiner new species**

**Type locality:** Feldberg near Pulkau, Austria ( $15^{\circ}51' E / 48^{\circ}40' N$ ), 360 m a.s.l., south exposed slope, inclination 0 - 5°, xerothermous grassland with interspersed vegetation-free silicate rocks that cover about 5 % of the total habitat area.

**Holotype:** worker labelled "Austria, Feldberg vic. Pulkau ( $15^{\circ}51' E / 48^{\circ}40' N$ ), leg. B.C. Schlick-Steiner & F.M. Steiner (#10982), 6.8.2002". Deposition: NM Wien.

**Paratypes:** 31 workers, 25 gynes and 63 males from the holotype nest series (CBFS, NM Wien, SMN Goerlitz); 25 workers, 4 gynes and 47 males with same data but #11055, (CBFS); 24 workers, 6 gynes and 3 males, labelled "A. inf 10.vii.2002, Feldberg S Pulkau  $48^{\circ}41' N 15^{\circ}51' E$  leg. Schödl; SS#1050" (NM Wien, SMN Goerlitz); 9 workers with same data but SS#1052 (NM Wien); 28 workers with same data but "5.vi.2002 Nest 2" (NM Wien); 37 workers with same data but "5.vi.2002 Nest 1" (NM Wien); 9 workers and 10 gynes labelled "Austria, Feldberg vic. Pulkau ( $15^{\circ}51' E / 48^{\circ}40' N$ ), leg. B.C. Schlick-Steiner & F.M. Steiner (#10514), 10.7.2002" (CBFS); 45 workers and 7 gynes from a nest series labelled "Austria, Braunsberg vic. Hainburg ( $16^{\circ}57' E / 48^{\circ}09' N$ ), leg. B.C. Schlick-Steiner & F.M. Steiner (#10445), 2.7.2002" (CBFS, SMN Goerlitz); 32 workers, 3 gynes and 7 males with same data but #10449 (CBFS, SMN Goerlitz); 6 workers from the same locality but labeled "AUSTRIA inf. 18.v.1999 Hainburg / Braunsberg c. 300m;  $16^{\circ}57' E 48^{\circ}09' N$  leg. Schödl; S.S.: 582" (NM Wien); 8 workers and 4 males from a nest series collected near Znojmo/Czech Republic, labelled "CZE: S Moravia: Hnanice 1.5 NNE, armer Steppenrasen mit Calluna auf Fels, 1997.09.18-44" (SMN Goerlitz).

**Etymology:** The name is derived from Austria (lat.).

**Worker** (Figs. 1 & 2, Table 1): Very small overall body size, smallest known species of Palaearctic *Lasius* s.str. Head relatively long. Eye small, postocular distance relatively large. Clypeal keel very weak to nearly absent, in proximal and distal parts of clypeus completely absent. Lateral clypeal profile convex. Clypeal pubescence density very low. Distance from posterior clypeal suture to inner margin of antennal sockets very short. Scape very short, pubescence frequently 25 to 40°,