



Figs. 1 - 3: *Meranoplus hirsutus*, worker, Lake Eacham NP, Queensland, standard views. HW 0.93; PSL 1.15; GW 1.23.

south from c.15° 45' S in NE Queensland to ca 28° 30' S in NE New South Wales. Typically in rainforest. Elevational range from near sea level to 950 m (Mt. Windsor Tableland) or "800 - 1000 m" (Black Mountain, ESE of Julatten). Workers are not uncommonly encountered foraging diurnally on vegetation, at least to several metres above ground. Nests in soil or rotting wood on the ground or under stones.

ANIC locality records are: Australia: N.E. **Queensland:** (Grid Cell 15 / 145): Moses Creek, N of Mt. Finnigan.

(16 / 145): Black Mt. Rd, Kuranda; Black Mountain, 17 km ESE of Julatten; 8 km SSW of Cape Tribulation; Gold Hill, McDowall Ra; Kuranda; Mossman Bluff Track; Mt. Windsor Tableland. (17 / 145): 6 km N of Atherton; Boar Pocket; Cathedral Fig, 13 km NW of Yungaburra; Koombooloomba; Lake Barrine NP; Lake Eacham NP; Palmers-ton NP; Tully Falls NP; Windin Falls via Butchers Creek; Wongabel SF, 5 km S of Atherton. (18 / 145): Mt. Graham, 8 km N of Abergowrie. (19 / 146): Alligator Creek NP; Crystal Creek, Paluma; Harvey Range Rd 50 km W