

Length : W. 2.5-3mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi Hills), Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

4. Genus *Cerapachys* Fred. Smith 1857

Carapachys Smith, 1858, *J. Proc. Linn. Soc. Lond. Zool.* 2 : 74

Cerapachys Brown, 1973, in *Tropical forest ecosystems in Africa and South America*, 161-185.

Diagnostic characters : Elongate and narrow; antennae 11 or 12 jointed; thorax short, compressed; thoracic sutures indistinct; node of pedicel free; abdomen elongate, constriction between the basal two segments deep.

Key to the species of *Cerapachys* Fr. Smith

1. Head, thorax, and abdomen black, longer than 5 mm *risii*
 - Head in part, thorax and abdomen reddish brown, smaller species, less than 5 mm *aitkeni*

10. *Cerapachys risii* Forel (Fig. 12)

Cerapachys risii Forel, 1892, *Grandidier, Hist. Nat. Ph. Madagascar*, 20 : 244.

Cerapachys (Cerapachys) risi; Chapman and Capco, 1951. Checklist of ants of Asia, 1-12.

Material examined : 13 ex; India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Nongkhylliem Reserve Forest, Umtasor. 31 iii 84. Coll. C. Radhakrishnan.

Diagnostic characters : Worker. Black, almost smooth and shining; head and thorax sparsely but coarsely punctured, the pedicel more densely punctured and longitudinally coarsely furrowed or wrinkled; the whole insect covered with fine long erect yellowish hairs; posterior lateral angles of head acute; antennae 12 jointed; thorax strongly rounded and convex above, submargined anteriorly; posterior face of metanotum flat, bordered above and on the sides by a shining carina; apex of abdomen acute.

Length : W 55-65 mm

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi hills) : Meghalaya : Sikkim. Elsewhere : Myanmar; Malay Peninsula.

11. *Cerapachys aitkeni* Forel (Fig. 11)

Cerapachys aitkeni Forel. J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc. 12, 221 & 222.

Cerapachys aitkeni, Chapman and Capco, 1951 Checklist of ants of Africa, 1, 227.