

posteriorly with a few transverse striae; basal abdominal segment coarsely and finely punctured, the remaining segments shining.

Length : W. 7-8 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi hills, West Garo hills); Meghalaya; Assam; Kerala; West Bengal. Elsewhere : Myanmar; Tenasserim.

13. Genus *Brachyponera* Emery, 1901.

Euponera, Subg. *Brachyponera* Emery, 1901, Ann. Soc. Ent. Belg., 45 : 43

Brachyponera, Bingham, 1903, Fauna Brit India, Hym., 2 : 101; Wilson, 1958, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. Harvard, Cambridge, Mass. 119 : 347 (Syns.)

Diagnostic characters : worker. Head without mandibles broadly oral, broader posteriorly than in front, the sides flattened; mandibles triangular; clypeus narrow, produced posteriorly into an angle between the antennal carinae; eyes large. Thorax narrower than head; mesonotum gibbous; metanotum strongly compressed and emarginate at mesometanotal suture, from there broadening to the apex, apical face very broad and shaped to allow the anterior face of node of pedicel closing over it. Pedicel one-jointed; node somewhat thick, rounded above. Abdomen massive.

Key to the Species of *Brachyponera* Emery

1. Node of pedicel armed with a number of blunt processes on its posterior margin *rufipes*
- Node of pedicel unarmed 2
2. Joints of flagellum of antennae distinctly longer than broad; length over 5 mm. *nigrita*
- Joints of flagellum of antennae, basal and apical excepted, as broad as or broader than long; length under 4 mm. - *luteipes*

31. *Brachyponera luteipes* (Mayr) (Fig. 30)

Ponera luteipes Mayr, 1862, Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wein, 12 : 72.

Euponera (Brachyponera) luteipes, Chapman and Capco, 1951, Check List of Ants of Asia, 1 : 63.

Pachycondyla luteipes (Mayr), Mathew, 1983, Bull. zool. Surv. India, 5 (1) : 125-127.

Brachyponera luteipes, Tiwari et al, 1994, State Fauna Series 3 : Fauna of West Bengal, Part 8 : 26 (Syns.).

Material examined : 48 ex: 4 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, 12.iii.76, Coll. R.S. Giri; 2 ex, East Khasi hills, Mawsmai, 9.v.76, Coll. S. Khera; 1 ex, East Khasi hills, Shillong, 19.v.75, Coll. R. Mathew; 10 ex, East Khasi hills, Upper Shillong, 3.xi.75, Coll. R. Mathew; 3 ex, Shillong, 5.xii.79, Coll. R. Mathew; 3 ex, West Khasi hills, Shella, 25.ix.81, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 4