

Length : W. 3.4-4.5 mm.

*Distribution* : INDIA : (East Khasi and West Garo hills), Meghalaya; Arunachal Pradesh; Assam; Karnataka; Andaman Islands. Elsewhere : China; Bhutan; Myanmar; Pakistan; Sri Lanka; Malaysia; Sumatra; Taiwan; Philippines; Britain; Australia; Brazil; Peru; U.s.a.; Holland; Colombia.

61. *Tetramorium browni* sp. nov. (Figs. 58,59)

Holotype worker : TL 2.97; HL 0.74; HW 0.61; CI 82; SL 0.55; SI 90; PW 0.53; Th L 0.71.

Head excluding the mandibles longer than broad, the occipital border emarginate, the sides convex; compound eyes moderate, placed more towards the lower half of the head; maximum diameter of the eye 0.11; anterior clypeal margin feebly notched in the middle, not entire; mandibles finely longitudinally striate, masticatory margin broad, with 6-7 unequal teeth; frontal carinae distinct, reaching almost to the occiput; antero-lateral angles of pronotum round; metanotal spines longer than the metapleural teeth, divergent and slightly upturned; metapleural teeth broad, acute; dorsum of head between the frontal carinae with not less than ten longitudinal rugae; dorsum of thorax reticulate rugose; sides of thorax with few diagonal striae; nodes of pedicel oval, subequal, smooth and shining; anterior node petiolate in front; abdomen smooth, polished and shining; all dorsal surfaces with numerous erect or suberect hairs of varying length; antennae and legs densely pubescent.

Colour Dark brown, abdomen darker, almost black; the appendages a shade lighter.

Paratype workers : TL 2.65-3.28; HL 0.66-0.76; HW 0.58-0.63; CI 82-90; SL 0.53-0.56 SI 90-95; PW 0.45-0.53; Th L 0.79-0.84.

Similar to holotype; colour varies from reddish brown to dark brown.

Holotype : worker : INDIA : Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Pynursla, 6.viii.81, Coll. R. Mathew; Paratypes : 13 workers with the same collection data as the holotype.

*Tetramorium browni* belongs to the *bicarinatum* group of *Tetramorium* and can be distinguished by its round pronotal angles, unsculptured nodes of pedicel and moderate size of the metanotal spines.

62. *Tetramorium christiei* Forel

*Tetramorium christiei* Forel, 1902, *Rev. Suisse Zool.*, **10** : 232.

*Tetramorium christiei*, Datta and Ray Chaudhuri, 1983, *AKITU N. Ser.*, **56** : 1- 14.

*Material examined* : 8 ex: 1 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, Risa Colony, 14.ix.79, Coll. R. Mathew; 4 ex, Risa Colony, 8.v.80, Coll. R. Mathew; 3 ex, Upper Shillong, 9.viii.75, Coll. R. Mathew; 12 ex, Jaintia hills, Shangpang, 13.iii.91, Coll. K.K. Ray and Party.