

8. Occipital emargination narrow and deep, lateral lobes broad and rounded *pronotalis*
 - Occipital emargination broad and shallow, lateral lobes narrow and angular *wood-masoni*
9. Head anteriorly beneath bidentate *watsoni*
 - Head anteriorly beneath not dentate 10
10. Frontal grooves for reception of scapes of antennae absent *mus*
 - Frontal grooves for reception of scapes of antennae present *parva*
11. Head below vertex vertically truncate, forming a flat plane with the clypeus *capellini*
 - Head below vertex normally developed, not truncate 12
12. Frontal grooves for reception of scape of antennae obsolete *constanciae*
 - Frontal grooves for reception of scape of antennae distinct 13 *
13. Pronotum convex, lateral tubercles quite or nearly obsolete 14
 - Pronotum convex, lateral tubercles sometimes obtuse but always distinct 16
14. Medial portion of clypeus opaque, longitudinally striate *jucunda*
 - Medial portion of clypeus smooth and shining 15
15. Frontal grooves for reception of scape not well-marked, coarsely longitudinally striate within *feae*
 - Frontal grooves for reception of scape more distinct, finely sculptured within *roberti*
16. Abdomen sculptured *striativentris*
 - Abdomen not sculptured, smooth and shining *allani*

68. *Pheidole allani* Bingham

Pheidole allani Bingham, 1903, *Faun. Brit. Ind. Hymenoptera*, 2:264

Pheidole (Pheidole) allani, Chapman and capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia*, 1 : 139.

Material examined : 15 ex; India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, 16.vi.75, Coll. R. Mathew.

Diagnostic characters : Reddish brown; head coarsely longitudinally striate, occiput and lateral lobes smooth; pronotum in front and metanotum transversely striate; the sides of the thorax irregularly closely rugulose, granulate; head as long as broad, occipital emargination moderate and wide; mandibles smooth and shining; clypeus transverse anteriorly; pronotum flat in front, lateral tubercles