

82. *Pheidole striativentris* Mayr

Pheidole striativentris Mayr, 1878, *Verh. zool-bot. Ges. Wien* **28** : 675, 678.

Pheidole (Pheidole) striativentris, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia, Manila*, 1:150.

Material examined : 15 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Upper shillong, 1.viii.76, Coll. R. Mathew.

Diagnostic characters : Reddish brown; head longitudinally coarsely striate, transversely striate on the front of the lateral lobes, breaking into reticulations on the apex; occipital emargination deep; antennal grooves shallow, finely and delicately sculptured within; thorax stout, transversely striate; pronotum convex in front, slightly laterally tuberculate, metanotal spines long and acute; 1st node of pedicel cuneate, transeverse above, 2nd node twice as broad as long, laterally cone-shaped, punctured above, abdomen anteriorly finely and closely striate, posteriorly shining.

Length : 4 -4.5 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya; throughout India.

83. *Pheidole watsoni* Forel

Pheidole watsoni Forel, 1902, *Rev. Suisse Zool.* **10**:171.

Pheidole (Pheidole) watsoni, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia* 1:152.

Material examined : 15 ex: 3 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shining, Risa Colony, 28.vii.76, Coll. R. Mathew; 7 ex, Upper Shillong, 1.viii.76, Coll. R. Mathew; 5 ex, Risa Colony, 7.v.77, Coll. R. Mathew.

Diagnostic characters : Reddish brown; head anteriorly longitudinally straited, striae breaking down into reticulations on the lateral lobes, bidentate beneath; thorax and abdomen shining; mandibles slightly punctured, shining; antennae short, antennal groove indistinct; thorax gibbous anteriorly; pronotum somewhat flat above and bituberculate; basal portion of metanotum horizontal, flat and shining; metanotal spines short, acute and erect; 1st node of pedicel squamiform, petiolate in front, 2nd node somewhat rhombiform; abdomen oval.

Length : 3 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya, West Bengal. Elsewhere: Sri Lanka; Myanmar.

84. *Pheidole wood-masoni* Forel

Pheidole wood-masoni Forel, 1885, *Asiat. Soc. Bengal*, **54**:180