

106. *Meranoplus rothneyi* Forel (Fig. 53)

Meranoplus rothneyi Forel, 1902, *Rev. Suisse Zool.*, 10 : 241.

Meranoplus rothneyi, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of ants of Asia*, 1 : 113.

Meranoplus rothneyi, Tiwari et al., 1994, *State Fauna series 3 :Fauna of West Bengal*, part 8 : 44.

Material examined : 7 ex: 1 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, Risa Colony, 18.iv.76, Coll. R. Mathew, 1 ex, East Khasi hills, Umran, 9.vii.81, Coll. R. Mathew; 5 ex, West Garo hills, Selbalgiri, Alt. 2000 ft., 28.iv.88, Coll. V.T. Darlong, 4 ex, R1-Bhoi, hongoh., 28.ix.88, Coll. A.K. Lahiri & party.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Brownish; pro-mesonotum nearly square, margined laterally with a lamellate border; metanotum bordered laterally by carinae which are armed in the middle with a slender pointed spine longer than half the metanotum; transversely striate; abdomen finely reticulate, subopaque.

Length : W. 2.5-2.8. mm.

Distribution : INDIA : Meghalaya; (East Khasi R1-Bhoi and west Garo hills), Kerala. Elsewhere : China.

107. *Meranoplus laeviventris* Emery (Fig. 54)

Meranoplus laeviventris Emery, 1889, *Ann. Mus. Civ. Stor. Nat. Genova*, 27 : 506.

Meranoplus laeviventris, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of ants of Asia*, 1 : 113

Material examined : 8 ex: 3 ex, India Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Naga bungalow, 21.iv.77, Coll. S.G. Patil; 4 ex, East Khasi hills, Nongkhlai Reserve Forest, Umtasor, 19.v.82, Coll. c. Radhakrishnan; 1 ex, east Khasi hills, Old Barapani Road, 14.v.76, coll. R. Mathew.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Dark, reddish-ferruginous, abdomen brown; antennae short and stout, antennal groove deep; pro- mesonotal shield armed with six stout spinous teeth; head pro-mesonotal shield and nodes of pedicel coarsely sculptured, rugose; metanotum smooth and shining, slightly concave, bicarinate, the carinae ending above in slender spines pointing backwards; abdomen smooth and shining.

Length : W. 3.5-4 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya. Elsewhere : Myanmar; Tenasserim.

34. Genus *Carebara* Westwood, 1840

Carebara Westwood, 1841, *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.*, 6 : 46.