

Material examined : 23 ex: 6 ex, India Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, 27.v.76, Coll. R. Mathew, 15 ex, Shillong, 17.viii.75, coll. R. Mathew; 1 ex, Shillong, 20.vi.75, Coll. R. Mathew; 1 ex, Shillong, 18.vi.79, Coll. R. Mathew.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Pale reddish yellow; head and thorax somewhat coarsely and very closely punctate-reticulate and opaque; punctures on the thorax less deep than on the head; abdomen smooth and shining with the base above covered with short longitudinal striae; the innermost of the three mandibular teeth long and spiniform; antennal scape not reaching much beyond the level of the eyes.

Length : W. 2.5-3 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : Meghalaya; (East Khasi hills), Western and Southern India. Elsewhere : Malaysia; Myanmar.

36. Genus *Myrmicaria* Saunders, 1841

Myrmicaria Saunders, 1841, *Trans. Ent. Soc.* 3 : 57

Myrmicaria Saunders, Brown, 1973, *In Tropical forest ecosystems in Africa and south America* : 161.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Antennae 7-jointed; clypeus broad, arched in front; mandibles armed with 4 teeth; eyes prominent, placed on the sides of the head; pronotum more or less globose, anterior lateral angles above and below marked by distinct tubercles or spines; mesonotum ending posteriorly in a more or less thick, transverse carina often subdentate at the lateral angles; metathorax cubical, the basal and apical faces subequal, margined by a carina, posterior lateral angles of the basal portion armed with an acute oblique spine; 1st node petiolate anteriorly and posteriorly; abdomen subglobose.

110. *Myrmicaria brunnea* Saunders

Myrmicaria brunnea Saunders, 1841, *Trans. Ent. soc. London*, 3 : 57.

Myrmicaria brunnea; Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of ants of Asia* 1 : 124.

Myrmicaria brunnea, Tiwari et al., 1994, *State Fauna Series 3: Fauna of West Bengal*, Part 8 : 47.

Material examined : 1 ex : India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, 5.viii.75, Coll R. Mathew.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Reddish brown, shining; head and thorax longitudinally striate; mandibles finely and closely striate; nodes of pedicel smooth or only slightly rugulose; pilosity long and abundant; abdomen smooth and polished.

Length : W. 5.5-8 mm.