

short and broad; node of pedicel very low, strongly inclined forward; abdomen large and massive, very convex in front.

Length : W. 1.5-2 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khashi hills), Meghalaya; Sikkim; Western India.

Remarks : Forages in the forest floor.

40. Genus *Iridomyrmex* Mayr, 1862

Iridomyrmex Mayr, 1862, *Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien*, **12**:702.

Iridomyrmex, Brown, 1973, *In Tropical forest ecosystems in Africa and South America* : 161-185.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Mandibles broad, armed with 7-8 teeth; Clypeus convex, anteriorly transverse; antennae long, scape extending beyond the top of the head; thorax, convex, mesonotum somewhat cylindrical; metanotum more or less raised, convex and gibbous; node of pedicel slightly inclined forward; abdomen short, broadly oval.

114. *Iridomyrmex anceps* (Roger)

Formica anceps Roger, 1863, *Berl. ent. Zeitschr.*, **7**:164.

Iridomyrmex anceps, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of ants of Asia*, **1**:188.

Iridomyrmex anceps, Tiwari et al., 1994, *State Fauna Series 3:Fauna of West Bengal*, part **8**.

Material examined : 88 ex: 31 ex, India Meghalaya, Jaintia hills, Shangpung, 8.xii.75, Coll. S.K. Chanda; 2 ex, East Khasi Hills, Nongkhylliem Reserve Forest, Umtasor, 19.i.83, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 6 ex, Jaintia hills, Garampani, 21.i.83, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 3 ex, East Khasi hills, Cherrapunjee, 16.xii.82, Coll. Raj Tilak; 4 ex, Jaintia hills, Nartiang, 5.ix.86, Coll. V.T. Darlong; 1 ex, West Khasi hills, Sonapahar, 30.x.86, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 41 ex, Jaintia hills, 24 km. before Garampani; 9.iii.88, Coll. K.P. Singh.

Diagnostic characters : W. Greyish; pubescence fine, silky and somewhat abundant; node of pedicel slightly inclined to the front.

Length : W. 3.5-4.5 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East and West Khasi hills, Jaintia hills), Meghalaya; Assam; throughout India excepting Punjab. Elsewhere : Myanmar; Tennaserim; Malaya; Java.

Remarks : Very fast moving insects.