

Etymology

The specific name refers to the big eyes found in this species, and is here considered to be a noun in apposition.

Iridomyrmex galbanus, sp. nov.

(Fig. 10)

Iridomyrmex purpureus form 'yellow' (or 'Y').—Halliday, 1979: 57.

Material Examined

Holotype. Worker, South Australia, Minnipa [c. 32°51'S., 135°09'E.], 23.x.1958, E. F. Riek (ANIC, type no. 7970).

Paratypes. Nine workers, same data as holotype (ANIC, BMNH, MCZC).

Other material (in ANIC unless otherwise noted). **New South Wales:** Burke (C. Barrett); S. of Ita (PJMG). **South Australia:** 1·5 km S. of Waddikee (PJMG); 10 km NE. of Chilpuddie (PJMG); 10 km SW. of Kimba, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG); 10 km W. of Tuckey, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG); 12 km E. of Warramboo (PJMG); 13 km NE. of Darke Peak, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG); 13 miles E. of Lock (TG); 14 km NE. of Kyancutta (PJMG); 15 km N. of Darke Peak (PJMG); 15 km SE. of Balumbah (PJMG); 16 km E. of Warramboo (PJMG); 17 km W. of Kimba (PJMG); 20 km W. of Balumbah (PJMG); 22 km NW. of Kimba (PJMG); 25 km W. of Kimba (PJMG); 26 km N. of Kimba (PJMG); 28 km S. of Kimba (PJMG); 2 km NW. of Kyancutta (PJMG); 33 km E. of Murdinga, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG); 35 km S. of Pinnaroo (PJMG); 4 km E. of Moody Vale, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG); 4 km N. of Cummins (PJMG); 4 km N. of Granite Rocks, nr Minnipa (PJMG); 4 km N. of Kyancutta (PJMG); 4 km NE. of Nantuma, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG); 4 km SE. of Mt Hill (PJMG); 5 km N. of Darke Peak, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG); 5 km NW. of Granite Rocks, nr Minnipa (PJMG); 5 km W. of Lameroo (PJMG); 7 km S. of Cummins (PJMG); 7 miles S. of Kimba (PJMG); 88 km W. of Lameroo (PJMG); 8 km ENE. of Wharminda (PJMG); 8 km S. of Kimba (PJMG); Agar's Lake, NW. of Wudinna (PJMG); Desert Downs, 10 miles SE. of Keith (R. B. Halliday and PJMG); Desert Downs, nr Keith (R. B. Halliday and PJMG); E. of Poochera, Eyre Peninsula (K. Casparson); Gawler Ranges (PJMG); Granite Rocks, nr Minnipa (PJMG); Hincks Cons. Pk, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG); Kopi, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG); Lameroo (RSM); Lock, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG); Randall, Eyre Peninsula (PJMG). **Victoria:** Manangatang (R. B. Halliday).

Worker Diagnosis

Lateral and/or regions of head with at least weak green iridescence (sometimes reduced and nearly absent); head yellowish red, distinctly lighter in colour than the mesosoma.

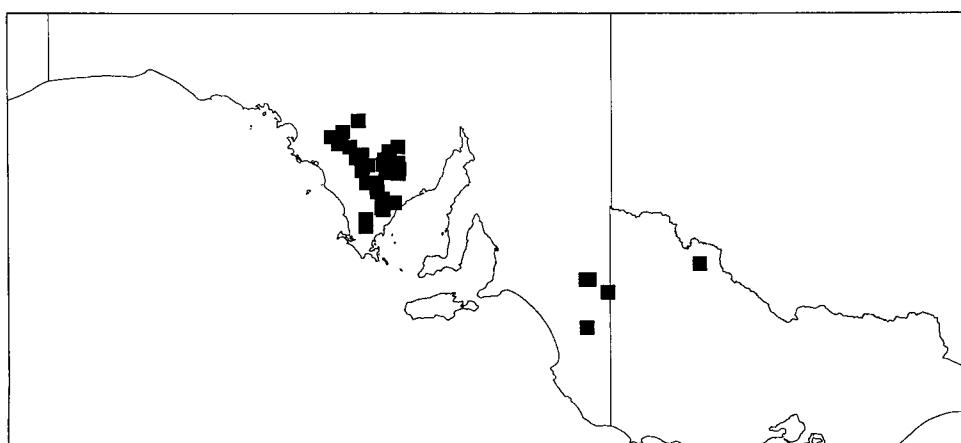


Fig. 10. Distribution of *I. galbanus* specimens examined during this study.