

erect or suberect setae on the lateral margin of the head (see Comments under *I. reburrus* for discussion of this character). *Iridomyrmex sanguineus* also shows a large amount of variation in overall body size. As discussed under *I. reburrus*, this variation is continuous and does not indicate that separate species are involved but, rather, suggests that these samples represent a single, variable species.

Iridomyrmex spadius, sp. nov.

(Figs 7, 17)

Iridomyrmex 'dark yellow' or 'DY'.—Greenslade and Halliday, 1982: 249.

Material Examined

Holotype. Worker, Queensland, Millstream Natl Pk [c. ^{17°39'S, 145°26'E}~~21°35'S, 117°05'E~~], 6.viii.1975, B. B. Lowery (ANIC, type no. 7974).

Paratypes. 16 workers, same data as holotype (ANIC, BMNH, MCZC).

Other material (in ANIC unless otherwise noted). **Queensland**: 10 km W. of Springsure (PJM); 15.5 km S. of Emerald (PJM); 1 mile S. of Carpentaria Downs HS, SE. of Einasleigh (JED); 22 miles N. of Emerald (TG); 5 miles ENE. of Greenvale Homestead, W. of Ingham (JED); 6 miles N. of Emerald (JED); 6 miles WSW. of Greenvale Homestead, W. of Ingham (JED); 9 miles ESE.

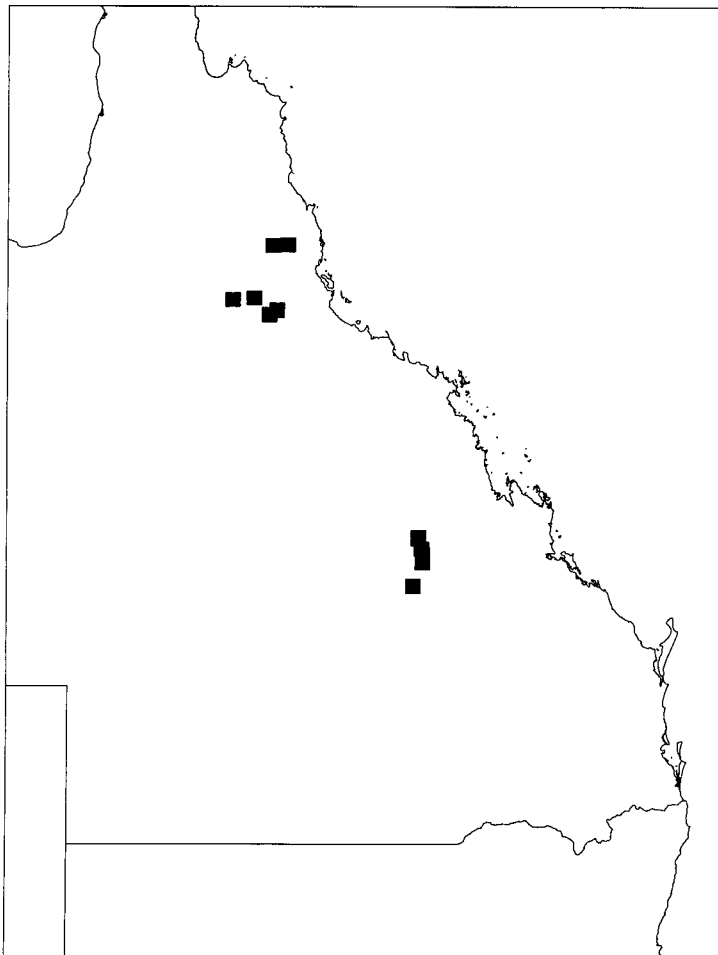


Fig. 17. Distribution of *I. spadius* specimens examined during this study.