

TWO NEW MISSISSIPPI ANTS OF THE SUBGENUS
COLOBOPSIS.

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The subgenus *Colobopsis* is a division of the genus *Camponotus*. It includes those ants the major workers and females of which have anteriorly truncated heads. The truncated area may be concave or blunt, in either case the sides are always marginate and well defined. The characters mentioned are so distinct that one has no difficulty in assigning ants of this type to the proper genus.

The subgenus *Colobopsis* in North America seems to have very few species, most of the known forms having been described by Dr. W. M. Wheeler in a paper published in 1904.¹ In this paper the following species are recorded as occurring in North America, namely: *Colobopsis impressus* Roger, *Colobopsis pylartes* Wheeler, *Colobopsis abditus* var. *etiolatus* Wheeler. Since that time Dr. Wheeler has described and added another variety to the known North American forms, this species being *Colobopsis pylartes* var. *hunteri*.

Because of the fact that these ants nest in galls, twigs of trees and the stems of plants they are seldom taken by collectors. This partly accounts for the few known forms. Their habits are also imperfectly known.

In Mississippi three distinct species of *Colobopsis* have been taken, two of which are being described as new in this paper. The writer would feel somewhat hesitant about describing these as new if Dr. Wheeler had not examined the specimens and reviewed the descriptions. The third species of *Colobopsis* found in Mississippi is one that can be assigned to *C. impressus*. All three of these forms are very distinct and it is impossible

¹The American Ants of the Subgenus *Colobopsis*; Bulletin American Museum Natural History Vol. 20, Article 10, pp. 139-158.