

Ants of the Genus *Apsychomyrmex* Wheeler (Hymenoptera: Formicidae).

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The genus *Apsychomyrmex* includes some of the rarest American ants. Wheeler described the first species, *myops*, in 1910 from a worker collected in Guatemala, and designated it as the genotype. No additional species were known until 1931, when Menozzi described *silvestrii* and *tristani* from Costa Rican specimens. Although specimens of *Apsychomyrmex* are recorded only from Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and the Canal Zone, the genus may be expected to occur in both Mexico and South America. The males and females are unknown, and there is little information concerning the biology of the species.

This article furnishes all the known facts concerning these ants, including a key, descriptions, literature citations, and distributional and biological records.

Apsychomyrmex Wheeler

Apsychomyrmex Wheeler, 1910, Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist. Bul. 28: 261, *worker* (fig. 2a, worker; b, head; c, antenna).
Apsychomyrmex Emery, 1922, in Wytzman, Genera Insectorum, fasc. 174c: 268, *worker*.

Genotype, *Apsychomyrmex myops* Wheeler (monobasic).

Worker. — Small species closely allied to *Rogeria*. Antenna 12-segmented as in *Rogeria*, but differing in having a 2-segmented instead of a 3-segmented club; also differing in the shape of the clypeus which is very short and elevated in the middle as a narrow, bidentate plate, the plate being fused with the frontal carinae. Frontal carinae well-developed, rather closely approximated, between them an elongated, impressed, frontal area, which extends forward as a narrow groove to the apex of the clypeal plate. Each side of clypeus with a tooth below the clypeal plate, which is in close apposition to another tooth on the superior border of the mandible near its base.

Head, exclusive of mandibles, almost as broad as long when measured through its greatest diameter, posterior corners rounded; head compressed in such a way that the median region is usually higher than the sides. Eye unusually small, with 5-15 facets,