

mens, presumably a real condition; a single pair present near middle of mesonotum, posterior pair lacking; postpetiole without dorsal clavate hairs. Median hairs lacking on first gastric segment of holotype (paratype has one median clavate hair; presumably one has been rubbed off).

Promesonotal suture obsolete; metanotal groove present but very poorly defined. Body somewhat shiny between moderate, rather close punctures; gastric pubescence sparser than that of thoracic dorsum; cephalic punctures denser on cephalic dorsum; finer on clypeus and distinctly separated. Mandibles shiny, finely punctate; masticatory margin with thirteen teeth, an outer set of ten, and an upper, inner set of three longer, spikelike teeth (Fig. 1). Color medium ferruginous, legs and antennae more yellowish.

Holotype: University of California, Davis, worker, EL SALVADOR, 4 miles north of Quetzaltepec, 7 July 1961, collected by M. E. Irwin.

Paratype: Worker, with same data as holotype, Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.

Although *E. apharogonia* is one of the larger members of the *E. bolai* group, it agrees with the smaller, more specialized species in the reduction of its erect pilosity. It is especially close to *E. speciosa* and *E. floridana* Brown and Kempf. From both of these it may be separated by the characters given in the key below, which is a modification of the appropriate portion of the key of Brown and Kempf (1960). The apical margins of the gastric segments are devoid of erect clavate hairs in the two specimens available to me. However, since these are consistently present in all other species of the group, as a group character, it seems logical that they are normally present in *E. apharogonia* also.

7. Dorsum of head with a single pair of erect clavate hairs on vertex, three pairs of erect clavate hairs on alitrunk, including one pair on pronotum (S Florida) *floridana* Brown and Kempf
- Dorsum of head with two or three pairs of erect clavate hairs; one or two pairs of erect clavate hairs on alitrunk, none present on pronotum 8
8. Dorsum of head with three pairs of erect clavate hairs, one on each posterior occipital corner and two pairs arranged in a close rectangle on vertex; mesonotum with two pairs of erect clavate hairs (SE Brazil)
..... *speciosa* Brown and Kempf
- Dorsum of head with two pairs of erect clavate hairs, arranged in a close rectangle on vertex; mesonotum with a single pair of erect clavate hairs (El Salvador) *apharogonia* Snelling

The name of this new taxon is derived from the Greek *aphares*, unclad, and *gonia*, angle or corner, in allusion to the lack of clavate hairs on the posterior occipital angles.