

femora, erect hairs elsewhere exceptionally long, slender, flexuous (except in *M. semirufus*, which has especially pronounced cephalic punctures).... 2

Worker maxima with maximum head width exceeding head length, the outer margins of head, in full face view, moderately to strongly convex; frontal area dull, roughened, with scattered weak punctures; occiput, behind ocelli, dull, roughened, with inconspicuous fine punctures; erect hairs everywhere stiff, blunt, those of mesonotum shorter than those of femora.....  
..... *placodops* Forel

- 2. Erect hairs of body very uneven in length, exceptionally long, slender, pointed, those of mesonotum longer than those of femora; frontal punctures somewhat obscured by roughened integument..... 3

Erect hairs of body uniform in length, short, stiff, blunt, those of mesonotum distinctly shorter than those of femora; frontal integument somewhat shining, the punctures very distinctly defined.....*semirufus* Emery

- 3. Head of all sizes longer than broad; longest pronotal hairs longer than greatest eye length.....*melliger* Forel

Head of largest workers as broad as long; longest pronotal hairs no more than three-fourths as long as greatest eye length.....*mendax* Wheeler

FEMALES

- 1. Mesoscutal and mesoscutellar discs finely punctate, the punctures dense and evenly spaced, separated by about 1.5-2.0 times a puncture diameter near notaulices, with or without an impunctate median area, with fine, appressed or subappressed white pubescence in addition to long, coarse, erect yellowish hairs..... 2

Mesoscutal disc with sparse, coarse, setigerous punctures, the integument shining, without appressed pale pubescence; mesoscutellum finely, closely punctate, with scattered coarse punctures.....*semirufus* Emery

- 2. Mesoscutal disc with a median impunctate area of variable extent, though median line may be punctate..... 3

Mesoscutal disc uniformly punctate throughout.....*mendax* Wheeler

- 3. Impunctate area of mesoscutal disc with a longitudinal median zone of fine, close punctures; frontal lobes dull, with coarse, variably spaced punctures which become finer and denser toward frontal line; vertex, between eyes