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TYPE MATERIAL. Holotype and three paratypes, 3.1 mi. W of summit of Montezuma Pass, 5800 ft. elev., Huachuca Mts., Cochise Co., ARIZONA, 14-VIII-1969 (R. R. Snelling, No. 69-307), all deposited in LACM.

DISCUSSION. The type specimens were under a stone also concealing a colony of *Paratrechina* sp., in an area of oak-juniper woodland. The species is probably wholly hypogaecic.

In the key by Weber (1944) *A. epedana* will run to *A. mesonotalis* Weber from Haiti. The mesonotum of that species is distinctly elevated and differentiated from the remainder of the thorax in profile; in *A. epedana* the mesonotum is nearly flat and continuous with the metanotum in profile. Geographically, the nearest described species is *A. exsanguis* (Wheeler) based on three specimens from Jalapa, Mexico. That species has tridentate mandibles, 8-9 segmented antennae and lacks erect hairs over most of the body. The Honduran *A. wheeleri* Mann also has tridentate mandibles, shorter scapes which just attain the occipital margin, the antennae are nine-segmented with the last segment almost as long as the preceding three and the propodeum with a distinct basal face. The Panamanian species, *A. panamensis* Weber, has a distinctly transverse mandibular cutting margin, short scapes which do not attain the occipital margin and the head is longer than broad. In *A. goeldii* Forel, the remaining recorded Central American species, the eyes consist of several facets, the mesonotum is high and strongly arched and the propodeum has a distinct, though short, basal face.

ETYMOLOGY. Gr., *epedanos*, weak or feeble, so-called because of the thin, collapsible integument.

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