

I have studied type material of all these taxa except *R. scrobiferum*, and consider all to be congeneric, representing valid species. All are worker-based, and the male has been described for *R. palauensis*. The workers of *R. elysii*, *R. grandinodis* and *R. scrobiferum* were originally illustrated, and Wheeler's figures of *grandinodis* were reproduced by Smith (1953A). Details of type deposition etc. are given in Smith (1956).

*R. palauensis* alone has been reported from sites beyond its type locality—from the Belau group islands Ngeruktabel (= Urukthapal) and Babeldaob (= Babelthaupt) (Smith, 1953B).

The Australian National Insect Collection (ANIC) has specimens which extend the distributional ranges of *R. elysii* and *R. scrobiferum*, as follows:

*Romblonella elysii* (Mann)

SOLOMON ISLANDS: Big Nggela (= Florida): Sandfly Passage (Jan. 1964, P. J. M. Greenslade, accs. 11543, 16239, 2 workers).

*Romblonella scrobiferum* (Emery)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: *Manus Province*: Small Drova (?Ndrowa I, SE of Manus I) (8 Jan, 1972, P. N. Room, 4 workers); *East Sepik Province*: Cape Wom (03°31'S; 143°35'E), 5 km NW of Wewak (on low vegetation, littoral forest, vii, 1980, P. S. Ward, 6 workers); Tab Island (05°10'S; 145°50'E), 7 km NE of Madang (<5m, 7.11.1989, P. S. Ward, #10144, 4 workers, male); *Morobe Province*: Markham River delta, near Lae (06°43'S; 147°01'E) (on tree, swamp vegetation, 10.1.71, B. B. Lowery, 2 workers); *East New Britain Province*: Yalom (1000m, 19 May, 1962, Danish *Noona Dan* Expedition, 2 workers).

The characteristics and possible relationships of *Romblonella* are discussed in a following section.

*Romblonella heatwolei* Taylor n.sp.

(Figs 1-3)

*Type locality:*

QUEENSLAND: *Torres Strait Islands, Murray Group*: Wyer Island (09°54'S; 142°46'E).

*Material examined:*

Holotype worker, three paratype workers, paratype male, collected together (3 Aug. 1974, H. Heatwole). Deposited in ANIC