

Table 1. Worker characteristics useful for distinguishing the major species groups of *Pseudomyrmex*. There are additional isolated taxa not belonging to these groups (see text).

Species group	Palp formula(e)	No. teeth on masticatory margin of mandibles <sup>a</sup>	Lateral corners of median clypeal lobe: rounded (or bluntly angled) versus sharply angulate	Pilosity on mesosoma dorsum: common (MSC>10) versus sparse (MSC<8)	Tibial pilosity: common (HTC + MTC) >10 versus sparse (HTC + MTC)<8)	Eye size: relatively short (REL 0.36–0.46) versus elongate (REL 0.48–0.68)	Other
<i>gracilis</i>	6,4	7–10	rounded <sup>b</sup>	common <sup>c</sup>	common <sup>c</sup>	elongate	pronotum laterally (sub)marginate
<i>tenuis</i>	6,4	6	rounded	sparse	sparse	elongate	metanotal groove lacking
<i>sericeus</i>	6,4;5,4	8–10	rounded	sparse	sparse	elongate	silky (sericous) integument
<i>pallens</i>	6,4	5–6	rounded	usually sparse	sparse	variable	—
<i>viduus</i>	6,4;5,3;4,3	5–7	variable	common	common <sup>d</sup>	short	broad petiole (PWI > 0.70)
<i>oculatus</i>	6,3;5,3	5–6	rounded	common	usually sparse	elongate	protruding, tectiform median clypeal lobe
<i>subtilissimus</i>	6,3	5	rounded	sparse	sparse	elongate	frontal carinae not fusing with antennal scutellites
<i>pallidus</i>	5,3;4,3	5	angulate	sparse	sparse	variable	—
<i>ferrugineus</i>	5,3;4,3	6	variable	common	sparse	short	inhabiting swollen-thorn <i>Acacia</i>

<sup>a</sup> Median number of teeth within a nest-series; occasional deviations occur<sup>b</sup> Somewhat angulate in *P. laevigatus* (F. Smith)<sup>c</sup> Except *P. simulans* Kempf<sup>d</sup> Except *P. tachigalliae* (Forel)

“No.” = Number