

*variabilis* petiole is black. I have designated a lectotype of *P. variabilis* because a second worker glued to the same card (and bearing therefore the same type label as *P. variabilis*) is that of a different species – *P. maculatus* (F. Smith)! I have printed a lectotype label for *P. variabilis* and marked the card shared by the two specimens in such a way that the *P. maculatus* worker is clearly excluded as a type specimen of *P. variabilis*.

*Pseudomyrmex holmgreni* (Wheeler)

*Pseudomyrma holmgreni* Wheeler, 1925:11. Two syntype workers, Chaquimayo, Peru (N. Holmgren) (NHRS) [Examined]. One worker here designated LECTOTYPE.

Contrary to statements in the original description, this widespread South American species is not closely related to *P. filiformis*. Rather, it is a member of the *P. pallidus* group, bearing some resemblance to *P. euryblemma* (q.v.) but differing in the following worker characters: metanotal groove wider and more deeply incised; basal face of propodeum subequal in length to declivitous face (longer than the declivitous face in *P. euryblemma*); and head tending to be more elongate, with the sides rounding more gradually into the occipital margin. The workers and queens of *P. holmgreni* vary considerably in color, from concolorous orange to dark brown, including intermediate forms with variable degrees of infuscation of the body.

*Pseudomyrmex laevifrons* Ward, *nom. nov.*

*Pseudomyrma laeviceps* F. Smith, 1877:63. Two syntype workers, Para, Brazil (BMNH) [Examined]. One syntype worker here designated LECTOTYPE. [Preoccupied by *Pseudomyrma laeviceps* F. Smith, 1859 = *Tetraponera laeviceps* (F. Smith)].

This is a small (worker HW 0.48–0.56, n=14) distinctive species with closely contiguous, anterodorsally elevated frontal carinae; a smooth, shiny, puncticulate head; long eyes; and, in the workers, an unusually shaped propodeum such that the basal and declivitous faces meet at a sharp angle. The known range of *P. laevifrons* extends from Costa Rica to Bolivia and Brazil.

*Pseudomyrmex malignus* (Wheeler)

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*Pseudomyrma maligna* Wheeler, 1921b:143. Syntype workers, males, queens, Kartabo, Guyana (W.M. Wheeler) (MCZC, MZSP) [Examined].

*Pseudomyrma maligna* var. *cholericus* Wheeler, 1921b:146. Syntype workers, Kartabo, Guyana (W.M. Wheeler) (MCZC) [Examined] *Syn. nov.*

*Pseudomyrma maligna* var. *crucians* Wheeler, 1921b:147. Syntype workers, Kartabo, Guyana (W.M. Wheeler) (MCZC) [Examined] *Syn. nov.*

*Pseudomyrma auripes* Wheeler, 1922:5. Holotype queen, Trinidad, July 1920 (W.M. Wheeler) (MCZC) [Examined] *Syn. nov.*