

Workers and queens of this *Tachigali*-associated ant species are distinguished from those of *P. concolor* (= *P. latinodus*) by the following features: median clypeal lobe less ventrally deflected, laterally subangulate (Fig. 41); erect pilosity sparser, lacking on sides of head above the eyes (frontal view); and anteroventral process of petiole more prominently recurved, hook-like. In addition, the queen has distinctive, basally geniculate mandibles (e.g., Wheeler, 1921b, Fig. 14). The color and size variation reflected in the “varieties” *cholericus* and *crucians* can be seen within single nest series.

See also the discussion under *P. concolor* and *P. tachigaliae* (Forel).

*Pseudomyrmex osurus* (Forel), *stat. reval.*

*Pseudomyrma levigata* [sic] subsp. *osura* Forel, 1911:279. Syntype worker, Costa Rica (Pittier) (MHNG) [Examined]. *Stat. reval.* [Incorrectly synonymized (provisionally) under *P. faber* (F. Smith) by Kempf, 1958:449].

*Pseudomyrma laevigata* subsp. *insularis* Enzmann, 1945:88. Holotype worker, Barro Colorado Island, Panama (location unknown) [not examined]. *Syn. nov.* [Incorrectly synonymized (provisionally) under *P. faber* (F. Smith) by Kempf, 1958:449].

Examination of the syntype worker of *P. osurus* shows this to be a distinct species, differing from *P. faber* (F. Smith) by the shape of the petiole (possessing a distinct anterior peduncle and differentiated node, in lateral view), and the smooth, shiny puncticulate head. Enzmann's description of *P. insularis* fits *P. osurus* tolerably well, and agrees more closely with *P. osurus* than with any other species in the *P. laevigatus* complex known to me from Central America.

*P. osurus* is typically concolorous orange (head black in some Costa Rican and Colombian workers, which I take to be this species), while *P. faber* is more variable, with some workers (including the type) having a dark brown to black head and mesosoma.

*Pseudomyrmex pazosi* (Santschi), *stat. nov.*

*Pseudomyrma pazosi* Santschi, 1909:309. Syntype workers, queens, Cuba (Pazosi) (NHMB) [Examined].

One syntype worker here designated LECTOTYPE.

*Pseudomyrma flavidula* var. *pazosi* Santschi; Wheeler, 1913:484.

*Pseudomyrma flavidula* var. *jaumei* Aguayo, 1932:217. Holotype worker, El Palenque, Cuba (M. Jaume) (MCZ) [Examined] *Syn. nov.*

*P. pazosi* is a small (worker HW < 0.76) Cuban species in the *P. pallidus* group, with orange head, mesosoma, petiole, and postpetiole, and a contrasting black gaster; smooth, shiny puncticulate head; broad fore femur; and a gaster devoid of dense pubescence. The *P. jaumei* holotype merely represents a faded, discolored *P. pazosi* worker.