

propodeal spiracles more salient in dorsal view; petiole longer, with a tendency towards more pronounced posterolateral angles in dorsal view.

Most of the forms described as subspecies or varieties of *P. spinicola* are probably conspecific with it (with the exception of *P. convarians* (Forel)), but I refrain from proposing formal synonymy until the variation is better understood.

*Pseudomyrmex tachigaliae* (Forel) *stat. nov.*

(Figure 42)

*Pseudomyrma latinoda* race *tachigaliae* Forel, 1904b:686. Syntype workers, queens, males, Tarapoto, Peru (Ule) (MHNG) [Examined].

*Pseudomyrma latinoda* subsp. *bradleyi* Wheeler, 1942:169. Syntype workers, Perene, Peru (Bradley) (MCZC) [Examined] *Syn. nov.*

*Pseudomyrma bradleyi* Enzmann, 1945:82. Syntype workers, Perene, Peru (Bradley) (MCZC) [Examined] [Objective synonym of *Pseudomyrma latinoda bradleyi* Wheeler; Brown, 1949:42]

This *Tachigali*-ant is apparently confined to the western Amazon basin and adjacent foothills. The worker is recognized by the laterally angulate and inflected median clypeal lobe (Fig. 42); subcontiguous frontal carinae (MFC < basal scape width); sparse and inconspicuous pilosity; and dense appressed pubescence which is much better developed than in *P. malignus* or *P. concolor*.

*Pseudomyrmex tenuis* (Fabricius)

*Formica tenuis* Fabricius, 1804:405. Syntype worker, Essequibo, Guyana (Smidt) (ZMUC) [Examined]; here designated LECTOTYPE.

The lectotype worker of *P. tenuis* is concolorous testaceous brown, with a densely punctate, opaque head; large elongate eyes; inflected, tectiform median clypeal lobe; sharply margined pronotum; tall, thin, anterodorsally angulate (pointed) petiole; and no erect pilosity on the mesosoma dorsum. This agrees with the concept of *P. tenuis* which has been prevalent in the literature.

For a listing of synonyms see Kempf (1972), but note that *P. nigriceps* (F. Smith) is now a junior synonym of *P. termitarius* (F. Smith) (Perrault, 1987).

*Pseudomyrmex triplaris* (Forel)

*Pseudomyrma triplaris* Forel, 1904b:684. Syntype workers, queens, male, Jurua Miry, Jurua, Amazonas, Brazil (Ule) (MHNG) [Examined].

*Pseudomyrma triplaris* subsp. *boxi* Wheeler, 1942:184. Syntype workers, queens, males, Blaimont, Berbice, Guyana (H.E. Box) (MCZC) [Examined] *Syn. nov.* One syntype worker here designated LECTOTYPE.

The worker of this *Triplaris*-associated ant has a sublucid, densely punctate head which is distinctly broader than that of *P. viduus* (CI 0.87–0.93, n=17); frontal carinae more closely contiguous than in *P. triplarinus* or *P. dendroicus* but less so than in *P. viduus* (FCI 0.071–0.109); a median clypeal lobe which is sharply rounded laterally; and a conspicuous, recurved (hook-like) subpetiolar process.