

Description (worker): Small species (HW < 0.60, LHT < 0.52) with elongate head (CI ca. 0.59–0.63), especially in lateral view (LCI 0.41–0.47). Palp formula apparently 6(or 5).4. Scapes short (SL/HL 0.25–0.27). Eyes elongate (REL 0.55–0.57). Profemur broad (FI ca. 0.45–0.54). Mesosoma rather flat in profile, with a very shallow metanotal groove (MPI \approx 0.03). Basal face of propodeum twice as long as declivitous face or almost so (BF/DF ca. 1.79–2.07). Petiole elongate and low (PLI ca. 0.44–0.54, PWI ca. 0.45–0.55) (Figure 18). Postpetiole about as broad as long. Head and mesosoma apparently densely punctulate-coriaceous and opaque; in the holotype and at least some paratypes the area immediately posterior to the compound eye has the punctulae less dense, separated by one to several diameters, with the interspaces smooth and shining. Standing pilosity scarce: present on pronotum (1 pair), at or near the juncture of the basal and declivitous faces of the propodeum (1 pair, not always discernable), on the petiole (1 pair), postpetiole (1–2 pairs), and gaster; also one or two very short (<0.04 mm long), inconspicuous hairs on the pronotum, mesonotum and basal face of propodeum (these small hairs not seen in all specimens). Color appearing light to medium-dark brown, head and gaster dark brown.

The non-paratype worker (#PSW-DA25) agrees with most aspects of the above description but it is rather small and slender (HW 0.48, LHT 0.40, CI 0.58, LCI 0.40, PLI 0.42) and short standing hairs are commoner on the head and the mesosoma.

Description (queen): Similar to the worker in size, fronto-clypeal structure, funicular proportions, petiole shape, sculpture, and pilosity. Profemur broad (FI 0.54) and head more elongate (CI ca. 0.50), as expected. Forewing with two closed cubital cells. Color dark brown, as in some of the paratype workers.

Comments: *P. succinus* is distinguished from other members of the *P. nexilis* complex by its elongate and dorsoventrally compressed head (CI < 0.66, LCI < 0.50). Also characteristic are the small size (HW < 0.60) and slender petiole (PLI < 0.56).