

curves backward and medially to join the frontal carinae; mandibles short, stout, and convex, with the cutting margin vertical to the clypeal plate, bearing two teeth and a truncate lobe which probably represents one or two additional teeth. Promesonotum without teeth but with two pairs of low tubercles; in side view the thorax is evenly convex to the epinotal spines and without trace of sutures, pronotum descending abruptly and forming a sharp angle with the dorsum; epinotal spines broadly triangular. Petiole above with rounded node rising from a trapezoidal base, the dorsal surface slightly broader than long; postpetiole above also with rounded node rising from trapezoidal base, the whole one and four-tenths times broader than long and one-third broader than the petiole. Petiole in side view broadly pedunculate, with squarish node rising steeply and rounded above; postpetiole also with thick node rounded above. Gaster small and ovate. Legs moderately long and slender, femora incrassate.

Smooth and shining, with very few scattered, large, shallow punctations, of which four occur on the frontal carinae on each side posterior to the antennal insertions. Pilosity on the body reduced to a very few long, curved hairs, four being on the head in front and a few being at the apical tip of the gaster and at the anterior clypeal margin, appendages with a moderately abundant, short pilosity. Pubescence reduced to a few widely scattered and minute hairs.

Head and thorax castaneous, abdomen and legs a deep, clear brown, antennae darker.

HOLOTYPE: One worker (no. 2170.1) taken 13 miles south of Asa, Belgian Congo, approximately in latitude  $4^{\circ}40'$  N., longitude  $25^{\circ}40'$  E., March 3, 1948. The ant was collected in savanna country but in a patch of rain forest and was among leaves and humus of the ground cover, wet from the day's rain. Two additional workers were taken.

Workers (nos. 2103, 2210) at Fort Portal, Uganda, February 21, 1948, in heavy rain forest and 5 miles west of Bangassou, Bas Mbomu, French Equatorial Africa, March 12, 1948, in gallery forest.

Close to *orbiceps* (Santschi) but differing from Santschi's figures in having the anterior clypeal margin not angularly projecting, the frontal carina convex instead of largely straight, the head truncate behind instead of evenly convex and having