

Near *C. nummulitica* and *piripilis* of Santschi, the former described from Cameroon, the latter from Belgian Congo. Both are dark, coarsely reticulate ants. *C. nummulitica* is much smaller (2.6–2.7 mm.), and both differ in the proportions of the nodes of the pedicel. The present species has a markedly broad head, broader than the gaster.

CYPHOÏDRIS,¹ NEW GENUS

Small ants characterized by a broad, shallow but complete antennal scrobe and by a high, rounded promesonotum.

Antennae of worker 11-segmented, with three-segmented club; mandibles triangular and denticulate; frontal lobes feebly developed; scrobe shallow but complete and extending nearly to the occiput; anterior clypeal margin sinuate; eyes moderate in size. Thorax with high, rounded promesonotum sloping evenly to the epinotum, meso-epinotal suture feebly or not marked; epinotal spines; petiole pedunculate with rounded node; postpetiole convex; gaster short, ovate; legs long and slender. Sculpture coarse and pilosity of long, curved hairs.

GENOTYPE: *Cyphoïdris spinosus*, new genus and species.

Cyphoïdris spinosus, new species

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WORKER: Length extended, 4 mm.; of thorax, 1.05 mm. Head in front view, excluding mandibles, 0.91 mm. long by 0.85 mm. wide posterior to eyes, occipital margin broadly impressed, corners rounded, sides broadly convex, anterior clypeal margin produced as a truncate lobe; clypeus raised medially as a lobe, with two feeble carinae running longitudinally, sides in front of antennal insertions flat; frontal lobes feeble, slightly convex and raised; antennal scrobes complete, broad, shallow, and flat, eyes convex, 0.16 mm. in diameter when viewed anteriorly, situated approximately their diameter from the antennal insertions; mandibles triangular, with 10 to 12 denticles along the elongate cutting margin; antennae 11-segmented, with three-segmented club, scape long, slender, slightly bowed and equal in length to the first eight funicular segments and half

¹ *Cyphoïdris*, from the Greek κυφός, hump-backed, and ἰδρίς, the knowing one or provident one, in allusion to the hump-backed general habitus.