

Ocymyrmex weitzckeri Emery

Figure 16

Ocymyrmex weitzckeri EMERY, 1892, Ann. Mus. Civ. Genova, vol. 32, p. 116, worker.

Described from Basutoland, this species has since been recorded from Cape Province to Tanganyika. The workers have the head as broad or broader than long, the specimens below having the head broader than long.

KENYA: Kibweza, January 15, and about 29 miles south-westerly from Mtito Andei, January 16, 1948. A worker at Kibweza was running rapidly over the hot, dry loam of the village in the fierce sun of mid-afternoon. There was no opportunity for detailed study here or at the second locality which has an area of rocky lava outcrops in grass-woodland.

Ocymyrmex weitzckeri subspecies **celer** Weber

Ocymyrmex weitzckeri subsp. *celer* WEBER, 1943, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. Harvard Coll., vol. 93, p. 368, worker.

The subspecies was described from the dry plains north of the Imatong Mountains which lie within the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan frontier with Uganda. It has the worker head longer than broad and the petiole less strongly sculptured. Workers taken at Juba in the Sudan March 20, 1948, agree well with cotypes and differ from the above Kenya specimens in the characters of the subspecies. The ants were taken at the height of the dry season close to the White Nile River. The ants were running fast and erratically over sand which had a temperature of 53° C., the maximum range of my thermometer, or possibly higher.

RHOPTROMYRMEX MAYR

Rhoptromyrmex MAYR, 1901, Ann. Naturhist. Hofmus., Vienna, vol. 16, p. 18, worker.

A genus of small ants allied to *Tetramorium*, with 12-segmented antennae, three-segmented club, head somewhat cordate, frontal carinae short, frontal scrobes lacking, thorax short and stout, convex above, epinotum unarmed, and pedunculate petiole.