

acute tooth at the anterior end. Gaster elongate, the pygidium pointed, the hypopygium laterally compressed. Legs stout.

Smooth and shining; the mandibles coarsely rugose-punctate. Anterior portion of head very finely and superficially, the remainder of the body much more sparsely punctate.

Hairs pale yellowish, pubescence whitish; the former sparse and erect, short on the head, longer and more abundant on the pedicel and gaster. Pubescence very dilute and indistinct, except on the sides of the epinotum where it is sufficiently dense to give the surface a pruinose appearance.

Black; mandibles, sides of clypeus and borders of cheeks castaneous; antennæ, wing-insertions, tips of femora, tibiæ, tarsi, spine on ventral surface of petiole, and ventral and lateral borders of gastric segments, yellow; antennal scapes and median portions of middle and hind tibiæ brown.

Described from a single specimen which I found running on a tree-trunk in the Botanical Garden near Port of Spain. This species is apparently related to the series of plant-inhabiting *Pseudomyrmas* comprising *Ps. arboris-sanctæ* Emery, *latinoda* Mayr, *tachigaliæ* Forel, *damnosa* Wheeler, *triplaridis* Forel, etc.

#### Myrmicinæ

**Pheidole biconstricta** Mayr subsp. **socrates** Forel.—Trinidad, (Urich),

♂, ♀.

**Pheidole cornutula** Emery.—Botanical Garden, Port of Spain, (Wheeler),

♂.

**Pheidole subarmata** Mayr var. **borinquensis** Wheeler.—Botanical Garden, Port of Spain, (Wheeler), ♂.

**Pheidole fallax** Mayr subsp. **jelskii** Mayr.—Trinidad, (Urich, Forel),

♂, ♀.

**Pheidole fallax** subsp. **jelskii** Mayr var. **antillensis** Forel.—Botanical Garden, Port of Spain, (Wheeler), ♂, ♀.

**Pheidole flavens** Roger subsp. **gracilior** Forel.—Trinidad, (A. Forel),

♂, ♀.

**Pheidole flavens** subsp. **sculptior** Forel.—Trinidad, (Urich), ♂, ♀.

**Pheidole susannæ** Forel subsp. **obscurior** Forel.—Trinidad, (A. Forel).

#### **Pheidole lacerta**, new species

SOLDIER.—Length, 2.3 mm.

Closely related to *Ph. vicornis* Forel of Panama. Head about one-fifth longer than broad, as broad in front as behind, its anterior angles small and very acute, the sides feebly convex, the posterior border rather deeply excised, but the occipital groove short and shallow; the frontal groove absent. Eyes rather small and feebly convex, at the anterior fourth of the sides. Gula in front with two prominent teeth. Mandibles not very convex, with two larger apical and two minute basal teeth. Clypeus short, concave and ecarinate, its anterior border nearly straight in the middle. Frontal carinæ large, suberect and prominent, but not acute, forming the inner borders of distinct, though flattened scrobe-like depressions. Antennæ small and slender;