

Cephalotes atratus L.—Trinidad, (A. Forel), ♀; Port of Spain, (R. Thaxter, P. B. Whelpley, Wheeler), ♀.

Strumigenys eggersi Emery.—Verdant Vale, (Urlich), ♀; Port of Spain, (R. Thaxter), ♀, in sweepings.

✓✓ **Strumigenys saliens** Mayr.—Port of Spain, (R. Thaxter), ♀. =

✓✓ **Strumigenys trinidadensis**, new species ←

WORKER.—Length, nearly 3 mm.

Closely related to *S. saliens* Mayr but smaller. Head and mandibles of the same shape and proportions but the occipital excision deeper and the mandibles flatter. The teeth are of the same number and in the same position but differ in length; the denticle at the base of the apical tooth is much smaller and the two on the inner border of the mandibles are very short and acute, the proximal shorter than the distal. Antennal scapes slender, reaching to the beginning of the occipital lobes as in *saliens*; first funicular joint as long as joints 2 and 3 together, which are subequal and distinctly longer than broad; joint 4 nearly as long as joints 1 to 3 together and scarcely more than half as long as the terminal joint. Thorax shaped as in *saliens*, but pro- and mesonotum with a slender, sharp median carina. Epinotum with both superior and metasternal spines, the former somewhat longer than the latter and about half as long as the base of the epinotum, without membranous expansion below. Petiole and postpetiole similar to those of *saliens* but the peduncle of the former passing much more gradually into the distinctly lower node. Postpetiole broader than in *saliens*, being nearly twice as broad as the petiolar node. The spongi-form masses arranged much as in *saliens* but less developed along the ventral surface of the petiole.

Opaque; finely and densely punctate, postpetiole and ventral and apical portions of the gaster smoother and more shining; head more coarsely, pronotum more finely rugose, the rugæ irregular and longitudinal. Gaster very finely and indistinctly shagreened, its extreme base with a regular row of radiating rugules.

Hairs whitish; those on the anterior border of scapes curved and clavate and in a regular series. There are a few erect clavate hairs on the head and thorax and the head has also more numerous small, scattered appressed and rather indistinct scale-like hairs; those on the petiole, postpetiole and gaster are fine, long, erect, abundant and flexuous; mandibles and legs with short, delicate, appressed hairs.

Yellowish brown; mandibles, legs and gaster more yellowish; the teeth on the inner borders of the mandibles black.

Described from a single specimen swept from foliage near Port of Spain by Prof. Roland Thaxter.

This ant is readily distinguished from *S. saliens* by its considerably smaller size, paler color, shorter mandibular teeth, carinate pro- and mesonotum, more finely punctate and more coarsely rugose head and pronotum, lower petiolar node and different abdominal pilosity. It is less closely related to *S. silvestrii* Emery, which is much smaller, paler, with much less deeply excised head and lacks the metasternal spines, though the arrangement of the mandibular teeth is similar.