

transversely elliptical, with indistinct anterior corners, about twice as broad as long and about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times as broad as the petiole. Gaster and legs as in *pubiventris*.

Shining; mandibles sparsely and coarsely punctate and distinctly striate (smooth in *pubiventris*); clypeus smooth in the middle, longitudinally rugulose on the sides. Cheeks and sides of front longitudinally rugose, the rugæ feeble and their flat interspaces vaguely reticulate. Posterior portion of head and pronotum uneven, but not distinctly foveolate or rugose. Mesopleuræ, epinotum and petiole densely reticulate-punctate and somewhat less shining than the remainder of the body. Gaster and postpetiole above smooth and shining, with minute, scattered piligerous punctures.

Pilosity yellow; somewhat longer, more bristly and more abundant than in *pubiventris* on both body and legs; pubescence scarcely developed.

Rich castaneous brown; mandibles, posterior corners of head, sides of pronotum, gaster and appendages somewhat paler and more reddish; borders of mandibles black.

*Worker.* Length 2.3—2.5 mm.

Head larger, more rectangular and less rounded behind than in *pubiventris*; with straight sides and posterior border, a little narrower in front than behind. Clypeus similar to that of the soldier; antennal scapes extending only about  $\frac{1}{3}$  their length beyond the posterior corners of the head. Spines of the epinotum reduced to minute teeth; base horizontal and nearly twice as long as the declivity, with a feeble trace of the lateral projection of the soldier in front of each tooth. Postpetiole subglobular, a little broader than long.

In sculpture, pilosity and color very similar to the soldier. Most of the specimens are, however, distinctly paler and more reddish, with the head darker.

*Male.* Length 4.5—4.7 mm.

Mandibles small, acutely bidentate. Head small, subtriangular, as long as broad through the eyes. Clypeus convex in the middle, with straight, entire anterior border. Antennal scapes nearly three times as long as broad, first funicular joint slightly longer than broad. Thorax robust, broadly elliptical; epinotum unarmed, with long sloping base and short, abrupt declivity.

Shining; pilosity abundant but shorter than in the soldier and worker, fine and appressed on the legs.

Yellowish brown; head somewhat darker; mandibles, antennæ and legs more yellowish. Mesonotum yellow, with three reddish longitudinal bands. Wings dull yellowish, with pale brown veins and prostigma.