

**Tapinoma geei**, new species

WORKER.—Length: 1.8–3 mm.

Head subrectangular, even in the smallest individuals, as broad as long, as broad in front as behind in the largest but somewhat narrowed anteriorly in the smallest specimens, with rounded sides and posterior corners but straight posterior border. Eyes perfectly flat, large, longer than their distance from the anterior borders of the cheeks, the posterior orbits at the median transverse diameter of the head. Mandibles with numerous minute denticles which grow gradually longer toward the apex which forms a single large tooth. Clypeus rather short, convex in the middle; its anterior border with a small but distinct notch in the middle, and a sinuation on each side; posterior clypeal suture very faint. Frontal area and groove obsolete, frontal carinae short, subparallel, somewhat closer together than each is from the lateral border of the head. Antennal scapes reaching not more than one-fourth their length beyond the posterior corners of the head; all the funicular joints decidedly longer than broad, the first as long as the two succeeding joints, the second two-thirds as long as the third. Thorax rather short and thickset; pronotum broader than long, mesonotum as broad as long, together in profile forming an even but feeble convexity; mesoëpinotal impression short and distinct; epinotum short, much lower than the mesonotum, its base short, convex and rounded but not projecting, rounding into the flat, sloping declivity which is straight in profile and about three times as long as the base. Petiole small, elliptical, its anterior border thickened to form a vestigial node. Gaster rather large, elliptical but not pointed posteriorly, first segment overhanging the petiole and provided with a median impression for its accommodation.

Shining, including the mandibles very finely, densely and feebly punctate.

Hairs and pubescence white, the former sparse, present only on the mandibles, clypeus and tip of gaster, the latter forming a pruinose investment of the whole body but not concealing the shining surface.

Brown; mandibles, scapes, first funicular joint, anterior portion of clypeus, thorax, petiole and legs brownish yellow; thorax often clouded with brown or entirely brown, but of a paler shade than the head and gaster.

Described from numerous specimens taken by Prof. Gee near Peking (Pei-hai and northwest of the city).

This species seems to be very close to the recently described *T. sinense* Emery from Manchuria but differs in having a distinctly notched clypeus, somewhat longer scapes and funicular joints, a more shining surface and differently shaped epinotum. From *T. sessile* Say and *erraticum* Förster, *geei* differs in having decidedly larger and more flattened eyes, a more thickset thorax, less angular epinotum, smaller clypeal notch, straight posterior border to the head, finer punctation of the mandibles, etc.

**Tapinoma rectinotum**, new species

WORKER.—Length: 2 mm.

Head subrectangular, in some specimens slightly longer than broad, in others as broad as long, with straight subparallel sides and straight posterior border, the posterior corners rounded. Eyes feebly convex, rather large, longer than their distance