

as the remainder of the funiculus, first funicular joint enlarged, nearly twice as long as broad, joints 2-8 short and transverse. Thorax stout, evenly convex above, without promesonotal and mesoëpinotal sutures. Epinotum armed with a pair of long spines, which are placed rather low. Petiole and post-petiole very large, nodiform, the former narrowed and subpedunculate anteriorly. Gaster broadly elliptical, formed very largely by the first segment. Sting small. Coxae small, legs stout, middle and hind tibiae spurless; tarsal claws simple.

Genotype: *Romblonella grandinodis* sp. nov.

This genus is to be assigned to Emery's tribe Meranoplini. Its relationships to the known genera are indicated in the following table for the identification of the workers.

*Genera of Meranoplini*

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| 1. Mesonotum large, dominating the epinotum, furnished at its posterior border with teeth or other appendages. . . . .  | 2 |
| Mesonotum less developed, unarmed at its posterior border. . . . .  | 3 |
| 2. Promesonotum strongly marginate; antennae 9-jointed. . . . .   |   |
| . . . . . <i>Meranoplus</i> F. Smith  |   |
| Promesonotum not marginate; antennae 12-jointed. . . . .  |   |
| . . . . . <i>Promeranoplus</i> Emery  |   |
| 3. Frontal carinae not forming the mesial borders of scrobes for the antennae. . . . .                                  | 4 |
| Frontal carinae prolonged posteriorly to form the mesial borders of pronounced scrobes. . . . .                         | 5 |
| 4. Antennae 11-jointed; petiole unusually large, nodiform. . . . .  |   |
| . . . . . <i>Willowsiella</i> Wheeler   |   |
| Antennae 12-jointed; petiole squamiform, not enlarged. . . . .  |   |
| . . . . . <i>Prodicroaspis</i> Emery  |   |
| 5. Minute species, less than 2 mm. long; antennae 10-jointed. . . . .   |   |
| . . . . . <i>Mayriella</i> Forel  |   |
| Decidedly larger species; antennae 11- 12-jointed. . . . .  | 6 |
| 6. Mesoëpinotal suture obsolete; epinotum armed with long spines; petiole and postpetiole unusually voluminous. . . . . |   |
| . . . . . <i>Romblonella</i> gen. nov.  |   |
| Mesoëpinotal suture distinct; epinotum unarmed or dentate; petiole and postpetiole not enlarged. . . . .                | 7 |