

higher taxa in the New World tropics are *Creightonidris* (1949), *Dorisidris* (1948), *Phalacromyrmex* (1960), *Protalaridris* (1980), and *Tatuidris* (1967). Hence it is entirely possible that contemporaneous species of *Ilemomyrmex* and *Oxyidris* may yet be discovered, although not necessarily in the West Indies.

Pheidole tethepa has been placed in the genus *Pheidole* as a provisional measure. It may well represent a phyletic line sufficiently divergent from other members of the tribe Pheidolini to justify generic rank. The exophthalmic eyes and proportionately large mandibles are unique within *Pheidole* on a worldwide basis, while the pronotal spines were almost certainly derived independently from the Old World *P. quadrispina* group. More material is clearly needed to resolve the matter. In particular, the demonstration of a large-headed major caste (if one exists) would give added reason to retain *tethepa* in *Pheidole*.

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