

Pronotum visible from above. Mesonotum as broad as long, with a distinct median longitudinal carina anteriorly. Scutellum not very prominent. Epinotum sloping, armed with a pair of short spines beyond the middle. Petiole, seen in profile, about twice as long as high, node as long as peduncle; seen from above, more than twice as long as broad, very slightly diverging posteriorly. Postpetiole, seen from above, nearly square and as broad as long, broader than the petiolar node; seen in profile, very slightly longer than high. Eyes pubescent. Hairs finer and more oblique than in the worker. Very numerous on antennae and wings, which are unusually pubescent as in *L. leae* WHEELER.

Dark piceous brown, nearly black; clypeus, mandibles and appendages paler. Wings opaque brownish, veins and pterostigma brownish, venation like that of *L. punctiventris* WHEELER, but the discoidal cell is much larger. Body irregularly punctate-rugulose. Abdomen shining.

Habitat : Japan (Kyushu).

Holotype : worker, 6. viii. 1940, Mt. Hikosan, Kyushu, Japan, 650 m. in altitude, K. YASUMATSU leg.

Allotype : male, 21. iv. 1937, Beppu, Kyushu, Japan. Mr. T. TORIKATA leg.

Paratypes : two workers, 6. viii. 1940, Mt. Hikosan; two workers, 21. iv. 1937, Beppu.

Types are preserved in the Entomological Laboratory of the Kyushu University, Fukuoka. One paratype will be deposited in the United States National Museum, Washington.

This ant is a timid, slow moving species.

*Lordomyrma cryptocera* EMERY is very closely allied to *nobilis* in having the antennal scrobe anteriorly divided by a short median longitudinal carinula into separate depressions for the scape and funiculus, but differs in the following characters: eyes situated at the middle of the sides of the head; a transverse carina behind the mesoepinotal constriction; epinotal spines oblique and curved; posterior portion of the promesonotum and the basal portion of the epinotum both in the same level when the thorax is seen in profile.

While studying the descriptions of all the known species of the Genus *Lordomyrma*, I have noticed some generic characters which should be emended or added to the diagnoses made by EMERY and WHEELER. I append such characters as follows: worker caste—frontal area impressed, either distinct or indistinct (instead of “frontal area distinct, impressed”); male caste—eyes pubescent, epinotum either unarmed or armed with spines (instead of “epinotum unarmed”).