

**Wasmannina**, new genus

Form elongate, slightly physogastric; heavily chitinized species. Head broad, not constricted behind. Eyes large and very convex. Maxillary palpi 4-jointed, the basal joint very small, second joint more than half as long as the third, narrow at base and gradually thickened toward apex; third joint cylindrical, slender, three and one-half times as long as broad; terminal joint coarse, subulate, less than half as long as the third. Mandibles rather large, arcuate, acute at tips. Antennae short and stout, first joint scapiform. Pronotum moderately elongate, deeply impressed at middle, inflexed at sides. Elytra simple, not longer than pronotum. Abdomen a little longer than head and thorax together, broader and thicker than the thorax, strongly convex above and very strongly beneath, moderately margined at sides, with 6 distinct segments visible from above. Prosternum short, with a strong median carina and anterior border margined by a strong and sides by weak carinae. Mesosternum elevated between coxae as a high, strong carina; posterior half broad and rather strongly convex. Metasternum short. Anterior and middle coxae separated, posterior approximate. Femora nearly straight, stout; tarsi 4-5, 5-jointed, the middle and posterior metatarsi not much shorter than remaining joints together.

*Genotype*.—*Wasmannina trapezicollis*.

**Wasmannina trapezicollis**, new species

Length 6 mm.

Dark brown to black, opaque; legs and basal joint of antennae and parts of abdomen red brown and shining. Head, thorax, elytra, and mesosternum densely, granulose-punctate, the remainder more finely and shallowly but equally densely punctate. Stiff, black, erect hairs sparsely distributed on head and body, more abundant on apical half of ventral portion of abdomen; very fine and silky yellow recumbent hairs abundant on abdomen.

Head a little longer than broad, sides posterior to eyes broadly rounding into the posterior border, which is convex at sides and narrowly concave at middle. Front impressed at middle. Eyes about as long as their distance from the occipital corners. Clypeus strongly and narrowly carinate at middle. Antennae thick and short, not longer than head and pronotum together; first joint longer than the second and third together with the apical two-thirds strongly enlarged and rounded, nearly twice as thick as the second; joints 3 to 9 transverse, 10 and 11 longer than broad, the terminal slightly longer than the penultimate and rounded at tip. Pronotum about one and one-half times broader than head, nearly one-half longer than broad, widest just behind the rounded anterior angles, from where the nearly straight sides converge to the very broadly rounded hind angles and posterior border; anterior border straight at sides, convex at middle; disc at middle with a profound, narrow, longitudinal impression which is broadest in front, deepest at middle, and extends from the anterior border four-fifths the length of the disc. Elytra together broader than long; sides nearly straight and very feebly divergent behind, humeri rounded, posterior angles very broadly rounded, the hind margin angulately excised at middle.

*Type locality*.—Cachuela Esperanza, Río Beni, Bolivia.

*Host*.—*Eciton crassicornis* Smith.

The holotype and single paratype were collected from a file of the ants crossing a road.