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Irogera Emery

Rogeria (Irogera) Emery, 1915: 191.

Irogera Brown, 1953: 4.

Type of the genus: *Rogeria procera* Emery, 1896, by original designation (EMERY, 1915).

Worker — Monomorphic. Mandibles triangular, smooth and shining, with striae only laterally at base; chewing border not strongly oblique, with 4-5 well-defined teeth, besides several more or less obsolete basal teeth. Palpi 3:2 (in *subarmata* sp. n.). Clypeus short, lateral parts not raised posteriorly in a crest-like fashion in front of the antennal socket; median lobe vaulted to truncate in front, its posterior portion deeply and narrowly wedged in between the short, subparallel, laterally not lobate frontal carinae. Antennal scrobe absent. Scape, when laid back over the head as much as possible, not reaching the occipital border. Funiculus with 11 segments: I elongate, II-VIII transverse, IX-XI longer than I-VIII combined, forming a well-defined 3-segmented apical club; segment XI longer than IX and X combined. Eyes relatively small, very little convex. Antero-inferior corner of pronotum angulate. Metanotal groove feeble, not interrupting the sculpture. Epinotum armed with a pair of spines or teeth. Metasternal lobes prominent, sharply angulate or dentate above. Bulla of metasternal gland large and bulging. Tibiae II and III without apical spurs. Petiole elongate, pedunculate and clavate with low and ill-differentiated node; subpetiolar tooth very small but pointed. Postpetiole not campaniform, distinctly constricted behind at gastric insertion. First tergite covering at least 2/3 of length of gaster. Sting feeble. Head more finely, thorax more coarsely rugose, mostly longitudinally. Gaster smooth and shining. Hairs simple.

Component species — *Irogera procera* (Emery, 1896), Brazil, State of Pará; *Irogera scandens* (Mann, 1922), Honduras: Lombardia; *Irogera subarmata* sp. n., Brazil, State of Guanabara; *Irogera tonduzi* (Forel, 1899), Costa Rica; *Irogera* sp. (Emery, 1896), an undescribed female from Argentina.

I am in doubt whether *tonduzi* really belongs to the present group. Its small size and compact body suggests affinity with *Rogeria* s. str. FOREL mentions in the original description that the posterior border of the lateral parts of the clypeus is elevated in the form of a carinule in front of the antennal groove, much as in *Tetramorium*.