

A Synopsis of the Neotropical Ants of the Genus *Centromyrmex* Mayr (Hymenoptera: Formicidae)

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(With 10 text-figures)

The pantropical genus *Centromyrmex* of rare, termite-eating and burrowing Ponerine ants, occurring both in the Indo-malayan and Ethiopian regions, has at least three different and widely distributed species in the Neotropical realm.

The opportunity of proposing new synonymy and publishing new and interesting locality records gave me the necessary impulse for working out this present synthesis.

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Centromyrmex Mayr

Centromyrmex Mayr, 1866: 894-5 (Type-species: *C. bohemanni* Mayr = *brachycota* Roger, monobasic). — Emery, 1890: 40, note 1 (Syn.). — Emery, 1911: 57. — Arnold, 1915: 38. — Wheeler, 1922: 646. — Wheeler, 1936: 207 (Bion.). — Borgmeier, 1937: 222. — Brown, 1953: 8-9 (Syn.). — Brown, 1963: 9-10 (Syn.).
Spatacomyrmex Emery, 1889: 489 (Type-species: *S. feae* Emery, monobasic).
Glyphopone Forel, 1913: 308 (Type-species: *G. bequaerti* Forel, monobasic).
Glyphopone (*Leptopone*) Arnold, 1916: 163 (Type-species: *G. (L.) rufigaster* Arnold, monobasic).
Typhloteras Karawajew, 1925: 128 (Type-species: *T. hamulatum* Karawajew, monobasic).

Generic Characters

(For Neotropical species only)

Worker. — Amber-colored to reddish-brown. Integument mostly smooth and shining, very sparsely punctate.

Mandibles elongate-triangular; chewing border much longer than basal border, the former more or less distinctly denticulate;