

Discussion — In BROWN's key (1962: 257-264) *S. princeps* runs to couplet 12, where it disagrees with either alternative on account of its short, bristle-like gastric hairs, which are not or only very slightly broadened at their apices. It is, however, very close to *S. precava* Brown, especially in the form of the head and promesonotum, but *princeps* is a notably larger and stouter species, with relatively shorter mandibles and shorter, angular preapical teeth; shorter propodeal teeth; smaller spongiform appendages (postero-dorsal collar of petiolar node obsolete) and different, more uniform, bristly pilosity; head and thorax without rugosities; promesonotum without a sagittal carinule; basidorsal costulae less numerous and decidedly shorter; clypeal border convex; humeral tubercles poorly developed; pad of spongiform hairs anteroventrally on gaster feeble and inconspicuous.

It is strange that such a huge *Strumigenys* species, still known from the single colony, has so far escaped discovery.

RESUMO

No presente trabalho, os autores propõem a descrição de duas novas espécies do gênero *Strumigenys*, recentemente descobertas na Amazônia. Uma, *S. trudifera*, se relaciona mais intimamente com *longispinosa* Brown, da qual difere nas mandíbulas mais compridas que a cápsula cefálica, na configuração da cabeça com lobos occipitais pouco dilatados e lados subparalelos, na pilosidade dos escapos antenais. A outra, *S. princeps*, embora muito próxima de *precava* Brown, distingue-se nitidamente da última pelo tamanho maior, corpo mais maciço e robusto, mandíbulas mais curtas, pilosidade do gáster que consta de cerdas simples e curtas.

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