

petiole, and the first segment of the gaster, completely and heavily sculptured with coarse, deep pits or foveolae. The pits are rounded to hexagonal on most of the body, but are elongate and oval on the head and the gastric segment. The sculpture is so coarse that under the microscope the shining surfaces, especially of the ridges between the pits are not diminished, but to the unaided eye, the general body tone is subopaque.

Long, delicate, sharp-pointed hairs cover all parts of the body and appendages, and arise separately from the foveolae where these are present. Pubescence is practically absent on the body, but is abundant on the scapes, funiculi, coxae, legs, and the posterior region of the gaster.

Color reddish brown, with the funiculi, scapes and legs a lighter red; tip of gaster yellowish.

Holotype: winged female (M.C.Z. No. 28556).

This species is described from a single female specimen (worker caste unknown), taken on November 12, 1921 at Wai Lima, Prov. of Lampong, southern Sumatra, by H. H. Karny.

The ant belongs apparently to a rare group, and, according to Dr. Brown, there is only one other specimen in the Wheeler Collection very similar to it, a worker taken by Dr. Chapman in the Philippines. This worker was marked as new by Wheeler, but was left undescribed. The new species finds its place among other *Stictoponera* (namely, *rugosa* (F. Sm.), *coxalis* Rog., *menadensis* Mayr, *bicolor* Em., and *avia* Forel), a group which possesses a low, loaf-shaped or globular petiole. None of these, however, has the eyes so far back on the head as does *posteropsis*, a character which alone will distinguish it from the others. I have seen a specimen of *Stictoponera bicolor*, and two of *S. costata* Sm. (= *Ponera rugosa* F. Sm.?), and upon comparing them with *posteropsis*, have found that the latter differs from them in the following particulars. The eyes are not only placed far posteriorly on the head, but are very convex, whereas in *bicolor* they are much flatter. The antennal scapes reach or project but slightly beyond the occipital corners, though in *bicolor* they exceed the corners by a distance equal to the greatest width of the scape. No teeth are present on the