

MALE: Length, 7.0–7.5 mm; head length (excluding mandibles), 1.05–1.06 mm; head width, 1.09–1.12 mm; head index, 1.03–1.06; thorax length, 2.41–2.54 mm.

Head (excluding mandibles) slightly wider than long; eyes large, convex, and projecting minutely beyond the lateral margins; sides of the head between eyes and mandibular insertions concave. Ocelli distinct but not elevated on an occipital prominence. Clypeus broad, more than twice as wide as long, anterior emargination wide and shallow. Frontal carinae as in worker major. Antennae slender, scapes a little longer than head and extending beyond occipital borders for an amount equal to one-half their total length; first funicular segment swollen at distal end. Mandibles slender, edentate, but having apex angular and pointed.

Thorax voluminous, dorsum of mesoscutum flat, scutellum slightly bulbous and convex. Mayrian furrows absent; parapsidal furrows distinct; metanotum narrow, transverse; epinotum rounded, much higher than long. Petiole low, rounded, with superior border blunt and broadly but weakly emarginate. Gaster slender, dorsal surface flattened. Genitalia prominent, the stipites with straight terminal process, volsellae with curved and somewhat hooked process, and the sagittae thin and blade-like. Cerci exposed.

*Sculpture*: Head and thorax shagreened and subopaque to moderately shining; gaster shagreened but more noticeably shining.

*Pilosity*: Hairs long but sparse, few present on the head, mesonotum, metanotum, epinotum, more abundant on crest of the petiole and dorsum of the gaster; very few hairs on the legs, but several conspicuous hairs at tips of the scapes, on vertex, clypeus, and mandibles.

*Color*: Head, thorax, legs, and scapes black; funiculi, mandibular tips, tarsal tips, and gaster brown to yellowish brown. Wings pale straw-colored and transparent, the stigma brownish yellow.

**HOLOTYPE**: Worker major (herewith described; max. size), deposited in the author's collection.

**Paratypes**: 6 majors, 51 media and minor workers, and 12 males in the author's collection, and in the collections of George and Jeanette Wheeler, and W. S. Creighton.

The ants representing this new species were collected from one colony at Fuller Lake, elevation 6000 ft, 3 mi. S of Verdi, Nevada, September 28, 1968, by Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wheeler, and were recorded in their collection under Nevada number 493, Washoe County.