

All of these, and the *Camponotus* in Kirby's list, have been retaken by Dr. Harms.

Christmas Island lies in the eastern part of the Indian Ocean, and Java, 190 miles to the north, is the nearest land.

The fauna, so far as the ants are concerned, belongs to the Oriental Region, chiefly the Malayan Subregion and partly the Indian Subregion. Kirby's *Camponotus*, the two new species here described, and Crawley's variety may be endemic or they may have been brought from elsewhere.

Formicidæ.

PONERINÆ.

1. *Euponera* (*Mesoponera*) *christmasi*, sp. n.

♀.—Dark blackish brown or fuscous, mandibles, funiculus, apex of scapes, and apex of gaster dirty yellow, greater part of scapes and base of anterior coxæ fuscous, shining, very finely punctured, hairs very sparse, pale yellow, thicker on the gaster; pubescence very fine, investing the whole body.

Head without mandibles slightly longer than broad, slightly narrower at base than in front, with sides evenly rounded and posterior border distinctly emarginate; *mandibles* strong, triangular, with masticatory border armed with seven or eight small subequal teeth, terminal tooth longer and pointed, with some six distinct punctures arranged in a double row; *clypeus* carinate, slightly projecting in front and slightly sinuate at sides; *antennæ* long, *scapes* extending slightly beyond posterior border of head, *funiculus* gradually getting broader to apex, first joint slightly longer than second, second to sixth subequal, seventh to apex getting longer, eighth to eleventh longer than broad; *eyes* small, flat, placed at the sides of the head considerably before the middle.

Thorax: *pronotum* about as long as broad, somewhat flat on disc, very bluntly submarginate at sides; *mesonotum* rounded, broader than long, with a well-marked suture all round it; *meso-epinotal* constriction distinct; *epinotum* shorter than pronotum and mesonotum taken together, with a distinct ridge above, declivity flat, forming an abrupt angle with dorsal surface, submarginate; *scale* high, somewhat convex anteriorly and concave