

*ACROPYGA (RHIZOMYRMA) ROBÆ* SP. NOV. (HYM. FORMICIDÆ), A NEW S. AMERICAN ANT, WITH REMARKS ON THE GENUS, ETC.

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*Acropyga (Rhizomyrma) robæ* sp. n.

♂. Pale yellow, apex of mandibles and teeth reddish-brown, eyes brown, whole body clothed with longer and shorter, erect or suberect, pale yellow hairs, extremely finely and closely punctured.

*Head* subrectangular, about as long as broad, sides feebly rounded, posterior border slightly emarginate; *eyes* very small, consisting of about three facets, situated on the sides of the head about a quarter of the length of the head from anterior border; *mandibles* narrow, curved, armed with three pointed teeth, the apical one being the longest; *clypeus* convex, rounded in front; *frontal area* distinct, moderate, triangular; *frontal furrow* not present; *frontal carinae* moderate, bisinuate; *antennae* 8-jointed; *scape* curved, not quite reaching the posterior corners of the head when bent back; *funiculus* increasing in breadth to apex, first two joints elongate, third and fourth transverse, fifth and sixth as long as broad, last joint pointed, as long as the three preceding taken together. *Thorax* robust, not quite as long as the head and mandible taken together; *pronotum* transverse, rounded at sides; *mesonotum* convex, higher than pronotum, *suture* between distinct; *meso-epinotal suture* somewhat deep, well defined; *epinotum* convex round, sloping gradually to the *declivity*, which is longer than the dorsal region. *Petiole* short, furnished with a *node* which is pointed above, the anterior surface flat, the posterior surface slightly concave; *gaster* rather long and bulky, pointed at apex. *Legs* moderate, not very slender. *Long.* 2 mm.

♀. Pale yellow, apex of mandibles and teeth reddish-brown, eyes, ocelli and a spot at insertion of fore wing black. Larger, but with structure, etc., except the usual differences, much as in the ♂. The *mandibles* and *apical tooth* are longer; *eyes* and *ocelli* well formed; *wings* somewhat dusky, one *cubital cell*, no *discoidal cell*, *radial cell* closed. *Long.* 3-4 mm.

♂. Smaller than the ♀, dirty brownish yellow, head blackish. *Eyes* large; *ocelli* moderate; *mandibles* thin, curved, with an angulation near apex (but no teeth); *apical tooth* pointed; *antennae* 10-jointed; *node* of *petiole* rather large, rounded above, anterior and posterior surfaces flat. *Wings* as in ♀. *Long.* 2-3 mm.

Described from a number of workers, eight winged females and two males taken by M. René Paul Robá at the roots of coffee, associating with a small Coccid, at La Esperanza, Colombia, S. America, in April, 1935.

Holotype ♀, allotype ♂ and ♀ and paratypes in the British Museum (Nat. Hist.).