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TYPHLOMYRMEX RICHARDSI (HYM., FORMICIDAE), A NEW SPECIES OF PONERINE ANT FROM BRITISH GUIANA.

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Typhlomyrmex richardsi sp.n.

♂. Head black, body dark brown, femora, tibiae and funiculi brownish yellow, clypeus, mandibles at apex, scapes, tarsi, and genitalia lighter. Whole body covered with longer and shorter suberect and yellow hairs.

Head broader posteriorly than anteriorly, posterior angles and border rounded, semiopaque, feebly rugose with small shining spots posteriorly; *clypeus* smooth and shining with anterior border moderately excised in centre; *mandibles* curved and pointed, with one small tooth on masticatory border near apex, shining, faintly striate, and with a few small scattered punctures; *frontal area* small, but well defined and shining; *front* shining; *eyes* large, convex, hairy, situated on anterior half of sides of head, but not extending over half the side of the head; *ocelli* placed well back; *antennae* long, *scape* reaching beyond median ocellus, slightly longer than the first three joints of the funiculus taken together; *funiculus* filiforme, second joint equal to first in length, longer than third, last four joints gradually increasing in length, last joint as long as the two preceding taken together. *Thorax* narrowed anteriorly and posteriorly, very finely punctured, not very convex; *mesonotum* arched and sloping forward. *Mayrian furrows* only distinct in front; *scutellum* rounded, shining; *epinotum* smooth and shining, rounded and sloping to base, without a distinct declivity; *node of petiole* smooth and rounded above, with an outstanding ridge beneath; *gaster* somewhat smooth and shining, constriction after the *post-petiole* distinct; *subgenital lamina* in the form of a long, narrow point; *stipes* somewhat broad and rounded; *volsellae* narrow. *Wings* translucent, covered with very fine, short hairs; *veins* and *pterostigma* pale brown; *forewing* with one *discoidal*, one closed *cubital* and the *radial* cell open at the extremity. (The wings, however, are very variable; some specimens have the radial cell closed, some are without a cubital cell.)

Long. 2.6—2.8 mm.

Named from very many males taken by Dr. O. W. Richards in the nest of a wasp, *Polybia bistriata* F.; BRITISH GUIANA, Mazaruni clearing, 13.viii.37.

Type in British Museum (Nat. Hist.). Emery divides his tribe