violet metallic reflection; clothed with sparse scattered outstanding hairs or bristles (machæritæ), more numerous

on gaster, no outstanding hairs on legs or antennæ.

Head longer than broad, slightly narrowed in front and behind, broadest about middle, posterior angles bluntly rounded, posterior border straight; mandibles long, narrow, masticatory border armed with three small sharp teeth, the apical one being considerably the longest; clypeus transverse, convex, anterior border broadly rounded; frontal area not defined; frontal furrow very faint, short; eyes large oval, only slightly convex, situated above the centre of sides of head; antennæ long, slender, scapes extending about a quarter of their length beyond posterior border of head, funiculus with very small short second joint, about as broad as long, rest of joints longer than broad, 3 to 6 subequal, 7 to 10 very slightly longer, last joint about as long as the two preceding taken together. Thorax longer than broad. constricted in middle, broadest across the pronotum, in profile the mesonotum is higher than pronotum and epinotum; pronotum transverse, anterior angles rounded; mesonotum convex, slightly longer than broad; metanotal spiracales small, not prominent; epinotum with narrow dorsal surface rounded into long flat declivity; scale of petiole rather thick, inclined forwards, anterior surface concave, posterior surface convex, upper margin narrow, rounded; gaster short, oblong oval, broadest before middle. tip sharply pointed, first segment with a concavity for the reception of the scale.

Long. 2 mm.

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This species belongs to Emery's group with two pairs of macrochetes on the pronotum, one pair on the mesonotum, and one pair on the epinotum, which includes albipes Emery, aseta Forel, caledonica Forel, foreli Emery, lecanopterides Donisthorpe, minutala Forel, opaca Emery, and pusillima Emery. No species of Nylanderia appears to have been recorded from the Philippines heretofore.