

***Pristomyrmex pollux* sp. n.**

♂. Black, shining, legs and antennae brown, apex of scape, first joint of funiculus and articulations of legs lighter, clothed with abundant long outstanding black hair. Head and thorax closely punctured with larger and smaller shallow punctures.

Head without eyes rather narrow and longer than broad, rather high in profile, posterior angles bluntly angled, posterior border with a narrow raised border, slightly excised in middle; *mandibles* very short, small, pointed, widely distant; *clypeus* small, convex, strongly arched in middle, anterior border projecting in centre; *frontal carinae* short, low, rather close together, slightly divergent behind, a small oval longitudinal smooth space is present on top of head before ocelli; *ocelli* fairly large, prominent, situated on top of crown of head; *eyes* very large, oval, prominent, situated on each side of the head; *antennae*: right antenna abnormal, 11-jointed, last joint thickened and curved, left antenna normal, 12-jointed, scape and first joint of funiculus smooth and shining, rest of joints pubescent, *scape* cylindrical, longer than broad, as long as the two first joints of the funiculus taken together; *funiculus* with first joint short, as long as broad, all the rest longer than broad, last joint as long as the two preceding taken together. *Thorax* short, narrowed in front and behind, broadest at insertion of wings; *pronotum* transverse, narrow in front with a short neck, sides triangular, rather long and wide, projecting slightly over pronotum; *mesonotum* ample, convex at apex, rather flat at base; *mayrian furrows* wide and strongly marked, consisting of rather large deep punctures separated by narrow ridges; *praescutellum* rather broad at sides, some eight narrow longitudinal ridges connect it with scutellum; *scutellum* transverse, not higher than mesonotum, base rounded, extending above metanotum, a rather deep transverse furrow, which is longitudinally striate, is present on each side at base; *metanotum* transverse, narrow, smooth and shining; *epinotum* armed with two fairly long triangular teeth, rather broad at base, *dorsal surface* slightly concave, margined on each side with two longitudinal ridges, a narrow transverse ridge connects them before space between teeth, and two similar ridges are present between teeth, *declivity* considerably hollowed out, smooth and shining. *Petiole* long, node broader than peduncle but neither broad nor high, smooth and shining on disc, considerably punctured at sides, posterior border truncate; *post petiole* a little longer than broad, about as broad as node, smooth and shining on disc, punctured at apex and sides, a blunt short tooth projecting downwards is present beneath at base; *gaster* smooth and shining, long, oval, narrowed at apex, truncate at base. *Stipites* not broad, bluntly pointed. *Legs* moderately long and slender. *Wings* brown, hairy, *pterostigma* and *veins* dark brown, one large cubital cell, and radial cell open, present. *Long.* 5.3 mm.

Described from a single male taken by Mr. G. E. Bryant at Penang, 6 November, 1913. I think it is improbable that the above described insect is the male of any known species. It is true that Bryant took the female of *P. parampunctatus* Emery at Penang, but one would expect the male of that species to be larger, and also in part to be yellow in colour.

Type in the British Museum (N.H.).

Only three males of *Pristomyrmex* species have been described heretofore—*P. brevispinosus* Emery 1887, *P. obesus* Mann in 1919 by W. M. Mann from the Solomon Islands, and *P. pungens* Mayr in 1928 by Wheeler. Forel's ♂, 1912, of *P. picteti* Emery appears to be doubtful.

Mayr created the genus *Pristomyrmex* for the reception of *P. pungens* Mayr ♀ 1866. Emery (1922) unfortunately gave the date for *pungens* as 1886, although he had correctly given that of the genus as 1866. Forel redescribed *pungens* under the name of *P. japonicus* ♀, 1900, from Japan. Of course his name sinks as a synonym.