

A NEW GENUS AND SPECIES OF FORMICIDAE (HYM.)  
FROM MAURITIUS

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*Dodous* gen. n.

Subfamily MYRMICINAE: tribe Solenopsidini.

♀. Mandibles armed with three teeth at apex; clypeus dentate; maxillary palpi 1-jointed; labial palpi 1-jointed; antennae 11-jointed, club 3-jointed; pronotum, mesonotum and epinotum each armed with a pair of spines; mesonotum separated from pronotum and epinotum; petiole long, pedunculate, furnished with a node; post petiole very slightly broader than petiole.

♂. Mandibles undeveloped; antennae 12-jointed; mayrian furrows indistinct, epinotum unarmed. Fore-wing: one cubital, open radial cell present; lower margin lobate.

Genotype: *Dodous trispinosus* sp. n.

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♀. Light reddish or yellowish-brown, legs a little lighter, funiculi and gaster slightly darker; whole body furnished with short fine scattered outstanding yellow hairs.

*Head* round, slightly longer than broad, cheeks and posterior angles rounded, posterior border somewhat excised. Sculpture of head consisting of ridges which are straight down the centre, spreading out in semicircles on each side and round the antennal foveae, gradually becoming straighter towards the temples and base.

*Mandibles* long, triangular, powerful, smooth and shining, masticatory border armed with 3 teeth at apex, the two apical ones long and pointed, the one preceding them short but sharp, a very short blunt tooth is present at basal angles; *clypeus* with anterior border projecting in centre, armed with 5 short teeth, the one in centre being most prominent, two small sharp teeth are present situated one on each side outside the projecting central portion, the basal portion is prolonged between the insertion of the antennae and carinae, extending from thence to the apex of the anterior teeth, the outer carina is continued to form the semicircular *frontal carinae*; *frontal area* wanting; *antennal foveae* large, deep, surrounded by circular carinae; *eyes* round, prominent, situated on the upper part of the sides of the head a little behind the centre; *palpi* short, *maxillary palpi* 1-jointed; *labial palpi* 2-jointed; *antennae* long, 11-jointed, *scape* reaching base of pronotum, *funiculus* with all joints longer than broad, 1st and 2nd joints of about equal length, 3rd to 5th shorter, subequal, 6th and 7th a little longer, club 3-jointed, well marked, last joint equal in length to the two preceding taken together. *Thorax* longer than broad, slightly contracted in middle, sculpture consisting of ridges which are coarser than those of the head, circular on the pronotum, enclosing the mesonotum, and along the sides and dorsal surface of the epinotum; *pronotum* with anterior angles rounded, armed on each side with a sharp curved spine; *mesonotum* circular, somewhat prominent, divided from the pronotum and epinotum by the interstice between two of the ridges, rugose in centre and armed on each side before base with a slightly curved spine, which is shorter and blunter than those of the pronotum; a rather deep furrow is present between the mesonotum and epinotum; *epinotum* armed with a pair of long sharp spines, joined together at base, projecting upwards, divergent and slightly curved downwards at apex, declivity behind the base of the spines

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