

slightly concave, posterior surface flat, sculpture as in epinotum. *Gaster* rather long, subparallel, basal surface slightly concave, *suture* between post-petiole and rest of *gaster* well marked.

*Long.* 5.5 mm.

Type in British Museum (Natural History).

Described from a single worker: Yen Bay, Tonkin. Collected in a nest of termites by Prof. F. Silvestri.

*Ponera silvestrii*, sp. n.

♂.—Pale reddish yellow, more or less shining, whole body clothed with sparse yellow pubescence.

*Head* longer than broad, subparallel, posterior angles rounded, posterior border almost straight; *mandibles* long, triangular, masticatory border armed with three sharp teeth towards apex and some short dentules posteriorly, apical tooth long and sharp; *clypeus* narrow, transverse, convex on disc, anterior border slightly projecting in centre; *frontal carinæ* furnished with small lobes in front, divergent behind; *frontal* furrow dividing frontal carinæ; *antennæ* 12-jointed, scape extending very slightly beyond posterior border of head, *funiculus* gradually increasing in breadth to apex, no distinct club, first joint slightly longer than second, last joint long, pointed, slightly longer than the two preceding taken together; *eyes* wanting. *Thorax* longer than broad, broader in front than behind; *pronotum* large, convex, rounded in front and at sides, encircling mesonotum; *mesonotum* transverse, convex; *sutures* between pro- and mesonotum, and meso- and epinotum well marked; *epinotum* long, sloping, angle between dorsal surface and declivity rather blunt, *dorsal surface* longer than declivity, *declivity* slightly concave, smooth; *node of petiole* large, rather thick, bluntly pointed at apex, anterior surface somewhat concave, posterior surface flat. *Gaster* subparallel, *suture* between post-petiole and rest of *gaster* well marked. *Legs* fairly long, posterior pairs of tibiae furnished with only one spur.

*Long.* 3.7–4 mm.

♀.—Colour and general structure as in ♂, pubescence slightly more apparent.

*Head* slightly longer and more parallel than in ♂; *eyes* fairly large; *ocelli* small. *Thorax*: *scutum* of mesonotum rather large and flat; *præscutellum* very narrow in centre; *scutellum* rather small and flat; *metanotum*