

convex, oval, situated on top of sides of head before contraction of the same; *antennæ* 12-jointed, long and slender, *scapes* extending almost to base of epinotum, *funiculi* with all joints considerably longer than broad, last joint not equal in length to the two preceding taken together. *Thorax* long, narrow; *pronotum* narrowed to apex; *mesonotum* long, narrow, longer than pronotum; *epinotum* with angle between dorsal surface and declivity rounded, dorsal surface longer than declivity; *node of petiole* not high, narrow, longer than broad, sides parallel, upper surface angled, ventral surface feebly convex. *Gaster* narrow, long oval, longer than broad. *Legs* very long and slender; *femora* compressed; *tibiæ* only slightly so.

*Long.* 8 mm.

Described from two workers taken by K. V. Krombein at K.B. Mission, Milne Bay, New Guinea, on March 5th, 1944.

This species comes in the *Leptomyrmex niger* Emery group, but the head is longer and more contracted, that is, more narrowed to base, than in *niger* Emery, *lugubris* Wheeler, or *puberulus* Wheeler. The colouring, etc., is also somewhat different.

### Tribe TAPINOMINI.

#### *Iridomyrmex longicapitatus*, sp. n.

♀. Reddish brown, antennæ and legs lighter, body clothed with longer and shorter light yellow outstanding hairs and fine greyish pubescence, somewhat shining.

*Head* considerably longer than broad, narrow, parallel sided, posterior angles rounded, posterior border widely, but not deeply excised in middle; *mandibles* massive, outer border curved, masticatory border armed with three or four teeth, the apical one long and sharp, the one next to it shorter and blunter, the one or two preceding the latter still shorter and blunter, punctured with small round scattered shallow punctures; *clypeus* large, transverse, thick and raised, anterior border almost straight, posterior border bluntly pointed and extending slightly between insertion of antennæ; *frontal area* small, triangular, very indistinctly defined; *frontal carinæ* short,