

Described from five workers, Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea, June 10, 1944. E. S. Ross Coll.

Tribe TETRAMORIINI.

✓✓ *Xiphomyrmex tricolor*, sp. n.

Head black, thorax reddish yellow, petiole, post-petiole and gaster blackish brown, antennæ and legs yellow, clothed with some rather long, and shorter, outstanding yellow hairs.

*Head* longer than broad, slightly narrowed in front and behind, broadest just before anterior border of eyes, posterior angles pointed, posterior border excised in middle. Three fine longitudinal carinæ extend from anterior border of clypeus to posterior border of head between the frontal carinæ, and between the same are shorter carinæ; raised lines form a network on cheeks and temples; above the eye is a carina which encloses the scrobe and unites with the base of the frontal carina; *mandibles* triangular, powerful, apical tooth sharp, curved, masticatory border armed with four or five small teeth; *clypeus* large, transverse, rather flat on disc, anterior border excised in middle, sinuate at sides, posterior border raised on each side and forming a projecting carina which borders the antennal foveæ anteriorly; *frontal carinæ* rather wide apart, sharp, raised, long divergent, forming the upper margin of a smooth scrobe for the reception of the scape; *antennal foveæ* round, deep; *eyes* round, prominent, situated a little behind middle of sides of head; *antennæ* 12-jointed, fairly long, *scape* not reaching posterior border of head, 1st joint of *funiculus* longer than the next six, 2nd to 7th joints transverse, *club* 3-jointed, last joint broader than, and longer than the two preceding joints taken together. *Thorax* longer than broad, broadest at humeral angles, which are blunt but distinct, no sutures present on dorsum, slightly constricted between mesonotum and epinotum, where the sides of the upper surface of thorax are margined. Sculpture of upper surface consisting of a network of raised ridges, which is much stronger anteriorly; *epinotum* armed above with two fairly long sharp spines, and at base of declivity, which is concave, with two short sharp teeth. *Petiole* with a peduncle, the node somewhat high and narrow; sculpture of node of petiole and post-petiole consisting of a network of raised ridges enclosing irregular smooth shining