

curved, the two preceding it sharp but shorter, the two last shorter and blunter; *clypeus* large, transverse, the carina in middle, and the *frontal area* less distinct than in *sexspinosa*; the two tubercles on vertex of head slightly more prominent; *eyes* slightly less projecting. *Thorax*, with spines on the *pronotum*, slightly narrower at base and more evenly curved; *epinotal* spines considerably closer together projecting outwards, and evenly curved downwards. *Petiole* with upper surface of node slightly shorter, spines projecting outwards and evenly downwards. *Long.* 15.5 mm.

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This species comes in the *sexspinosa* group; but the epinotal spines are very much closer together than in other species of the group. See Donisthorpe, "Description of Ants from New Guinea," *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.* (s. 11), vii. pp. 140 and 141, figs. 1, 2, and 3; *Polyrhachis* (*Myrmhopla*) *arcuspinosa* Donisthorpe; *P. (M.) sexspinosa* Latr., and *P. (M.) aureovestitus* Donisthorpe.

↓ *Polyrhachis* (*Myrmhopla*) *hirta*, sp. n.

♂.—Black, shining, legs rather dark red, tibiae a little darker, tarsi blackish; whole body clothed with fairly long black outstanding hairs, gaster with fine yellowish grey pubescence arranged in a pattern.

*Head* rather long, narrow, slightly narrowed in front and behind, cheeks somewhat straight, broadest just before insertion of eyes, temples narrowed from behind eyes to posterior angles, which are sharp and projecting, posterior border slightly sinuate on each side. Sculpture of back of head consisting of a network of raised ridges enclosing irregular smooth spaces; three longitudinal raised ridges extend from base of clypeus, between eye and frontal carinae as far as posterior border of eye, three or four similar ridges are present from anterior border of eye to base of clypeus, the rest of the cheeks being smooth and pubescent; *mandibles* triangular, rather long, smooth and shining, with small punctures and yellow hairs, masticatory border armed with five teeth, the apical one long, curved,