

A NEW SPECIES OF MYRMECINA FROM CALIFORNIA

(HYMENOPTERA, FORMICIDAE)

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Ants of the genus *Myrmecina* are believed to occur in most, if not all of the States of this country, although not yet recorded from some of the Western States. The ant described in this article is of particular interest, not only because it is new to science, but because it is the first member of the genus to be recorded from California.

Although our forms of *Myrmecina* are greatly in need of revision, no one has undertaken the task. At present the following forms are listed for the United States: *graminicola americana* Emery, *graminicola americana* var. *brevispinosa* Emery, *graminicola texana* W. M. Wheeler, and *graminicola quadrispina* J. Enzmann. Both *quadrispina* and *brevispinosa* vary so slightly from the typical *americana*, that the validity of the names is questionable, and the forms are not included in the following key. It is the opinion of the author and of several of his colleagues, that our United States forms previously attached to *graminicola* may have to be dissociated from that species, mainly because of the difference in the shape of the clypeus and antennal scape. However, until a complete