

ANTS FROM NORTH QUEENSLAND.

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The collection of ants made by Mr. C. Barrett, C.M.Z.S., in North Queensland, contains fourteen species, one of which is new and is described below. A fine series from the collection, including the type of the new species, has been donated to the National Museum, and forms a welcome addition.

Sub-family PONERINAE.

RHYTIDOPONERA CONVEXA, Mayr, Jour. Mus. Godeffroy, 12, p. 92, 1876.

Two examples of this species were found at Cairns.
LEPTOGENYS (LOPELTA) DIMINUTA, Sm. var. YARRABAHNA, Forel, Arkiv. f. Zool. 9, 16, p. 29, 1995.

A small colony was found nesting in an epiphyte (fern) near the Daintree River.
ODONTOMACHUS TURNERI, Forel, Ann. Soc. Ent. Belg. 44, p. 56, 1900.

Several examples from near Cairns.
ODONTOMACHUS AJAX, Forel, Rev. Suisse Zool. 18, p. 10, 1910.

Several examples were found at Port Douglas.

Sub-family MYRMICINAE.

PHEIDOLE MEGACEPHALA, Fab., Syst. Ent. 2, p. 361, 1793.

Two colonies were found in pseudobulbs of *Myrmecodia becarri*, growing on the Mangroves near Cairns. They had probably destroyed the original inhabitants. This is an introduced pest, which is now widely distributed in Australia. This ant has caused great havoc in various parts of the world.

Sub-family DOLICHODERINAE.

IRIDOMYRMEX CORDATUS, Smith, Jour. Linn. Soc. Zool. 3, p. 137, 1859.

Several examples were taken from *Myrmecodia becarri*, near Cairns. The specimens examined are not quite typical, but appear to be nearer to *cordatus* than to the variety *stewarti*, Forel. This ant was figured by