

2. Antennal scapes with erect hairs; (body black or very dark brown, thorax sometimes reddish) *neogagates lasioides* var. *vetula* Wheeler
- Antennal scapes without erect hairs *neogagates* Emery
3. Anterior clypeal margin notched in the middle 4
- Anterior clypeal margin entire 9
4. Gaster strongly shining, with very short sparse pubescence 5
- Gaster opaque or subopaque, with longer dense pubescence 6
5. Erect hairs on head, thorax and gaster long and dense; clypeal notch indistinct in small workers *perpilosa* Wheeler
- Erect hairs on head, thorax and gaster shorter and sparser; clypeal not distinct in small workers *manni* Wheeler
6. Hairs on dorsal parts of body abundant, conspicuous, glistening white, obtuse or clavate *obtusopilosa* Emery
- Hairs on dorsal parts of body sparse and more slender 7
7. Hairs nearly always absent from thoracic dorsum and petiolar border *sanguinea subnuda* Emery
- Hairs present though sparse on thoracic dorsum and petiolar border 8
8. Posterior corners of head shining; head, thorax and appendages yellowish red, gaster brown *sanguinea puberula* Emery
- Posterior corners of head opaque or subopaque; thorax, petiole, appendages and lower surface of head dull, yellowish brown, vertex and occiput piceous brown, gaster deep piceous brown *wheeleri* Creighton
9. Body robust; head of largest workers not or scarcely longer than broad; funicular segments 2-3 longer and more slender than segments 6-8; petiole usually with a rather sharp superior border; (body opaque; color light or dark red, with brown or black gaster) 10
- Body more slender; head of largest workers usually distinctly longer than broad; funicular segments 2-3 only slightly more slender than segments 6-8; petiole usually narrow, rather thick and with blunt superior border 23
10. Female larger than largest workers, measuring 6-11 mm. 11
- Female not larger and sometimes even smaller than largest workers, measuring only 4-6 mm. *microgyna* var. *rasilis* Wheeler
11. Antennal scapes with erect hairs 12
- Antennal scapes without erect hairs 13
12. Head and thorax bright yellowish red, legs reddish brown *oreas* Wheeler
- Red parts of body darker, legs dark brown *oreas* var. *comptula* Wheeler
13. Frontal area opaque *foreliana* Wheeler
- Frontal area smooth and shining 14
14. Erect hairs absent from gula and upper surface of head and thorax 15
- Erect hairs present on gula and upper surface of head and thorax 17
15. Small forms (4-6.5 mm.) *criniventris* Wheeler
- Larger forms (4-9 mm.) 16
16. Gaster blackish brown *comata* Wheeler
- Gaster reddish brown *ciliata* Wheeler
17. Erect hairs on middle and hind tibiae confined to a double row of bristles along flexor surface 18
- Erect hairs on middle and hind tibiae usually abundant and covering all surfaces, but at least there is a number of erect hairs besides the bristles on the flexor surface 20
18. Gaster densely clothed with short erect hairs which form a thick investiture *mucescens* Wheeler
- Erect hairs on gaster widely spaced, not forming a thick investiture 19
19. Dorsum of thorax without erect hairs, or with no more than six erect hairs *rufa haemorrhoidalis* Emery