

east Europe. The latter is distinguished from the common European, *P. pallidula* by the pronounced backward prolongation of the head in the soldier caste.

The remaining species have their centre of distribution in Turkestan. *Camponotus turkestanicus* is characterised by the long curved subcephalic hairs. *C. turkestanus* is a relatively small pale species with the yellowish areas of the body predominating in all castes. The single small *Camponotus* ♂ from Herat has scattered short erect appendage hairs but is not at present clearly identifiable from existing descriptions. *Cataglyphis emeryi* is distinguished from the European *C. cursor*. FONSCH. by its shorter antennal segments and less shining appearance. It is one of several species in this group that occur in Turkestan.

*Proformica deserta* is of special interest in having the epinotal spiracle elongated and the maxillary palps of similar proportions to those of the subgenus *Monocambus*. It resembles *P. nasuta* NYL. of Europe in general appearance. The species was described from one locality in Russian Turkestan. *Formica bipilosa* is one of the S. Russian species of the *Formica cinerea* MAYR group. It is distinguished by its pale colour in both ♂ and ♀ and by the subcephalic hairs which are reduced to one or two at each side of the head. The single ♂ *Monomorium* from Polichromi appears to be related to *M. salomonis* of the South Mediterranean but differs in the more shining body and more profuse pilosity. *Tetramorium striativentre* differs from the Mediterranean species of this genus by its very finely striated gaster which has a silky appearance.

These species are discussed more fully elsewhere (Collingwood, 1960) together with others collected by the Danish expedition to Afghanistan in 1948. Full references are given in that paper and are not therefore repeated here.

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