

towards conventional *L. umbratus*. A small series of workers, queens and a male labelled *L. umbratus* by Wilson was very kindly sent among other American ants by Dr Marion Smith. I cannot distinguish the workers from European *L. mixtus*, the queens however are distinctively lighter in colour than ours which, in North Europe at least, are always dark, while the single male sent has long genal hairs which do not occur in any specimens of our species that I have seen.

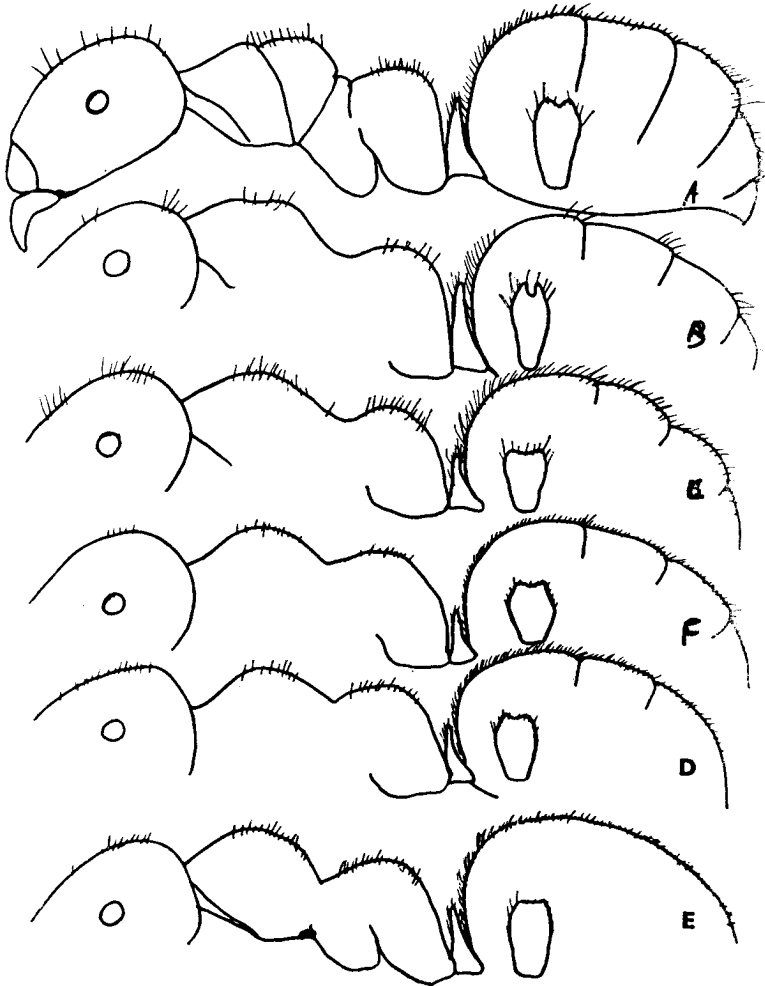


Fig. 4.—Worker profile + scale front view of: A, *Lasius affinis* Sch.; B, *Lasius bicornis* Foerst.; C, *Lasius flavus* Fab.; D, *Lasius umbratus* Nyl.; E, *Lasius rabaudi* Bon.  
F. *L. mixtus* Nyl.