

3. Frontal furrow deep and distinct; frontal triangle smooth and well defined; appendages thickly haired *rabaudi* Bond.
Frontal furrow shallow and poorly defined; frontal triangle rugose; appendage pilosity variable *umbratus* Nyl.
4. Hairs on gaster less than 0.4 maximum hind tibial width
mixtus Nyl.
Hairs on gaster more than 0.7 maximum hind tibial width 5
5. Petiole high, tapered and deeply indented; dorsal gaster hairs sparse *bicornis* Foerst.
Petiole widely emarginate at most; dorsal gaster hairs numerous *affinis* Schenck

Queens

Colour shining black with scutum occupying entire anterior thoracic convexity *Dendrolasius*
Colour yellow, brown or dull black; pronotum not completely overhung by scutum

Head width across eyes less than maximum width of thorax *Cautolasius*, *Lasius*

Head width across eyes as wide or wider than thorax
Chthonolasius

1. Length less than 5.5 mm. 2
Length at least 6.5 mm. 3
2. Petiole convex thick and low in profile *carniolicus* Mayr
Petiole high, tapered and deeply indented above
bicornis Foerst.
3. Scapes and tibiae with suberect hairs 4
Scapes and tibiae without erect hairs; one or two on hind tibiae at most 5
4. Scape flattened with thin front edge when viewed in horizontal plane; funiculus segments distinctly longer than broad; petiole scale rectangular in front view; body colour dark
rabaudi Bond.
Scape subcylindrical; funiculus segments slightly longer than broad, more cup-shaped; petiole more hexagonal in outline with more or less rounded sides; body colour ochrous to dark brown *umbratus* Nyl.
5. Scape flattened; hairs on dorsum of gaster more than 0.7 maximum hind tibial width *affinis* Schenck
Scape subcylindrical; gaster hairs less than 0.3 maximum hind tibial width *mixtus* Nyl.

Workers

Eye length at least 0.2 × head width; colour brown, black or bicoloured *Lasius*

Eye length 0.16 × head width or less;

colour jet black *Dendrolasius*

colour yellow *Cautolasius*, *Chthonolasius*