

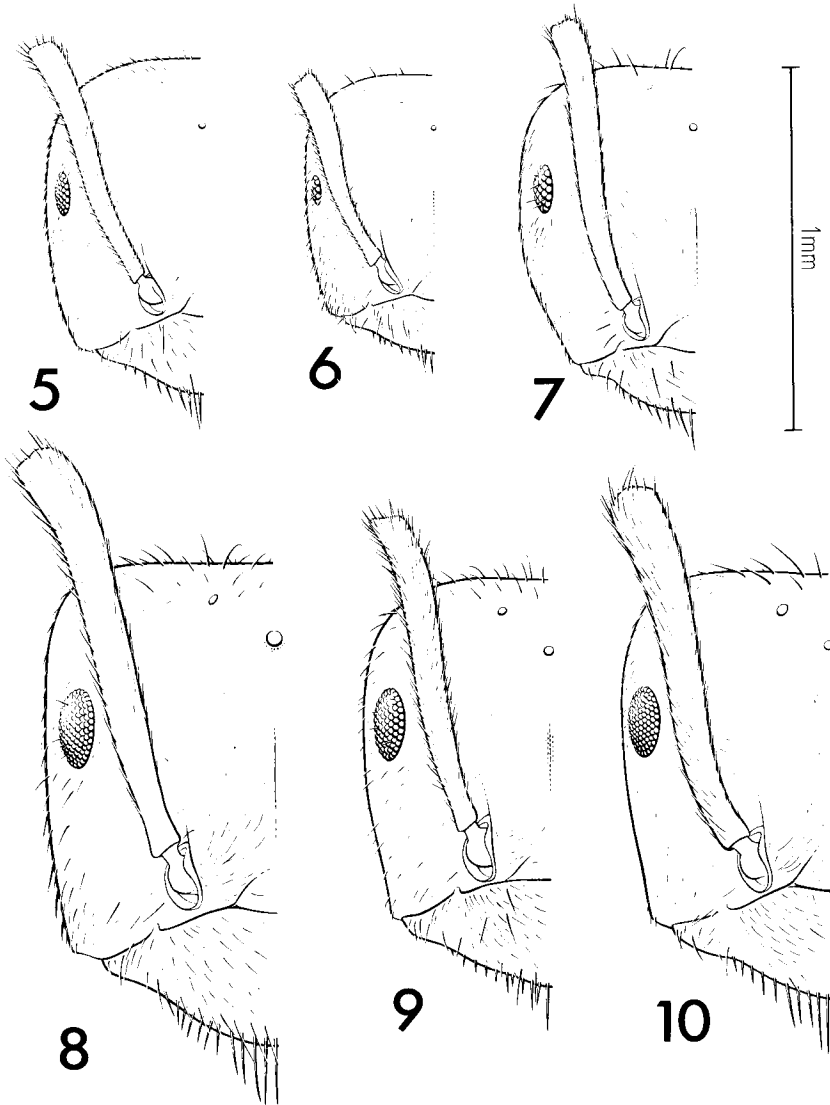
large, width only marginally less than alitrunk width. Frontal suture and triangle well marked. No appendage hairs. Eyes with occasional short hairs.

Male. Dark brown. Head with distinct frontal suture; mandibles broad but edentate. No appendage hairs. Wings dusky.

*Himalayan distribution.* INDIA: Monall, 2300 m, ♀♀ (NHMB). PAKISTAN: Kalan, Swat, 2300 m, ♀♀ (NHMB). Other records: Pakistan: Lahore (Wilson, 1955).

*General distribution.* Western Eurasia, Spain to Himalayas, North Africa to Sweden.

*Discussion.* This is a tree-dwelling species characteristically occurring in relatively large colonies within decayed or damaged parts of living trees. *L. brunneus* var. *himalayanus* Forel was synonymized by Wilson (1955) as the syntypes were well within the normal range of variability of European series. The present material, consisting of a few workers only, appears typical.



FIGS. 5-10. Half heads, dorsal view. 5, *Lasius alienoflavus*; 6, *Lasius talpa*; 7, *Lasius carniolicus*; 8, *Lasius crinitus*; 9, *Lasius draco*; 10, *Lasius mikir*.