

segments of gaster castaneous. Terminal border of mandibles black. Body with a short blunt pilosity. Antennæ with adpressed hairs.

Head a fraction longer than broad, sides subparallel, slightly concave at their anterior third, where the eyes are situated, and slightly convex at the posterior third, joining rounded posterior angles. Occipital border concave.

Mandibles broad and triangular, with a row of small blunt teeth. Clypeus longitudinally convex. Scapes fail to reach the occipital border by about twice their breadth. Joints 2-8 of funiculus longer than broad. The 3-jointed club has the first joint shortest, the second slightly longer and thicker, and the apical considerably longer. Eyes of moderate size, prominent. Femora swollen. Thorax with an oblique-angled meso-epinotal emargination. Pronotum with very small, sharp, anterior angles. Dorsum of thorax constricted between the pronotum and mesonotum.

Base of epinotum $1\frac{1}{2}$ as long as broad, rectangular, in profile almost flat. Base $\frac{2}{3}$ as long, feebly concave. Spines blunt, hardly thinner at apex than at base, slightly directed outwards and upwards, shorter than the distance between their points.

Stalk of petiole nearly as long as the node, the latter from above, oval, slightly broader behind; from the side it is higher behind, subtruncate in front, rounded behind. Post-petiole broader than long, slightly broader behind, sides convex, broader than first node; from the side, convex above, and with a very convex projection beneath. Gaster oval. Subopaque; mandibles smooth with small scattered punctures. Upper surface of head longitudinally and coarsely rugose, the clypeus and front merely striate. Thorax longitudinally rugose, the rugæ becoming more reticulate posteriorly. Pedicel reticulate-rugose. Base of gaster longitudinally striate, the rest smooth and shining. Legs smooth and shining.

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Meranoplus mucronatus, Sm. ♀, Aur, 1914; Padang, 1913.

Meranoplus castaneus, Sm. ♀, Buo, Mar. 1914.

Tetramorium pacificum, Mayr. ♀, Fort de Kock, 1922.

Found in a deserted bore-hole in a decayed branch. Gunung Dempu, 1916.