

Pronotum broader than long, the sides fairly straight; there are no prominent angles. The inferior angles bear a small tooth. The dorsum of pronotum and mesonotum form an even curve broken by the suture; there is also a slight concavity at the junction of meso- and epinotum; base of latter feebly convex, the declivity flattened.

Petiole from above almost twice as wide as long, in profile it is narrower above, the top flat, the sides formed by nearly straight lines, the anterior border becoming concave at the stalk. Beneath in front is the usual tooth. Postpetiole rather narrow in front, broader than long, slightly overhanging in front, the following segments as broad and somewhat shorter.

Mandibles finely striate with scattered superficial points. Whole of upper surface of head coarsely reticulate-punctate and shining, though the bottoms of the punctures are superficially reticulate; the sides and under surface with superficial reticulation having a longitudinal direction, interspersed with shallow scattered punctures. Head behind occipital crest shining, superficially punctate. Scapes longitudinally striate.

Dorsum of thorax similar to head, but the ground sculpture more evident; pronotum with slight transverse striation in front. Similar striation shows between the meso- and epinotum. Declivity coarsely transversely striate. Sides of thorax similar to sides of head. Top of node with concentric striæ and superficial punctures; the striæ encircle the whole node, but at the sides they are broken by punctures. Postpetiole and the following two segments with fine arched striæ, giving a silky appearance. On the gastric segments the striæ become more transverse. Along the apical borders of the postpetiole and the following segment the striæ are transverse and coarser. Coxæ reticulate-striate, femora circularly and tibiæ longitudinally striate with scattered points.

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One of the workers carrying a dead bee.

*Rhytidoponera (Chalcoponera) aspera*, Rog., var. SCABRIOR, nov. = *Cholytra*

*Em.*

♂. Length 6 mm.

Rather smaller than the type. Colour similar, but the green of the thorax and petiole has more purple mingled with it.

Differs principally in the sculpture of the postpetiole and first segment of gaster. In *aspera* the postpetiole is covered with arched striæ interspersed with shallow punctures, the space enclosed by the narrowed arches in the centre of the apical third being filled with fine vermicular reticulation; the following segment is smooth and shining in the centre, the sides with a slightly curved longitudinal striation, finer than on the postpetiole. In the variety the dorsum of the postpetiole is coarsely reticulate-punctate, with traces of ridges around the basal border, and the vermicular patch