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A GENERIC REALLOCATION FOR MYRMOTERAS  
KUROIWÆ Cr 88A

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In 1930 the writer published, in this JOURNAL, a monograph of the ant genus *Myrmoteras*. At that time I was unaware of the existence of a description of a Japanese species attributed to *Myrmoteras*. In 1912 Matsumura described and figured, in the *Supplement to the Thousand Insects of Japan*, an insect which he called *Myrmoteras kuroiwæ*. The material on which Matsumura based his new species had been taken on the island of Okinawa, one of the Riukiu Islands, which together form a scattered archipelago extending from northern Formosa to the island of Kyushu. This fact in itself led me to doubt that *kuroiwæ* could belong to the genus *Myrmoteras* since the genus is so strictly confined to the old world tropics. To date the recorded northern limit of the range of *Myrmoteras* is Los Banos, Philippine Islands which lies just north of Lat. 14°. The island of Okinawa lies just north of Lat. 26° and it seemed exceedingly unlikely that a representative of *Myrmoteras* would occur eleven hundred miles to the north in a south temperate area.

A search into the bibliographical references concerning *Myrmoteras kuroiwæ* brought to light three publications in which the name has been cited. The first of these appeared in 1908 when Matsumura published in *Kuroiwa* his *Provisional List of Hymenoptera of Loochoo*. In this list *kuroiwæ* is mentioned as a manuscript name with no attendant description. The original description of *kuroiwæ*, as has been noted above, appeared in the *Supplement to the Thousand Insects of Japan* which was, apparently, published in 1912. The third reference, which consists only of the citation of the two just listed, appeared in the *Insecta Matsumura*, which was published by the Entomological Museum of Hokkaido, Imp. Univ., Vol. 1, in 1926-27. As may be seen the only data of any value in determining the status of *kuroiwæ* is that contained in the 1912 publication. This probably