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***Recurvidris williami* sp. n.**

(Fig. 9)

Holotype worker. TL 1.8, HL 0.44, HW 0.39, CI 89, SL 0.34, SI 87, PW 0.23, AL 0.56.

Apical margin of mandible with 5 teeth, the basal tooth broad and abruptly truncated apically; basal margin of mandible unarmed. Dorsum of head everywhere dull and opaque, reticulate-punctate. Dorsal alitrunk finely and densely sculptured everywhere, the pronotum and propodeum reticulate-punctate. Propodeal spines stout, the subpetiolar process small and tooth-like, slightly back-curved. Standing hairs absent only on propodeal dorsum. Colour yellow.

Holotype worker. INDONESIA: Flores I., Nangagete, ca 60 km E. Maumere, 19.vii.1972, tropic. evgn. forest (*W. L. Brown*) (MCZ).

Known only from the holotype worker this very distinctive small species is closest related to *browni*. Within the *recurvispinosa*-group *williami* shares the same dentition as *browni* (Fig. 3), but has dense sculpture on the head and dorsal alitrunk, lacks a large subpetiolar process, has shorter stouter propodeal spines, and is much smaller (compare Figs. 1, 9; and measurements under the two names).

SUMMARY

A review of the small myrmicine ant genus *Recurvidris* (new name for *Trigonogaster* Forel) is presented. Seven species are recognised of which five, *browni*, *hebe*, *pickburni*, *proles*, *williami*, are newly described. The genus is distributed through the Oriental and Indo-Australian regions and its species are denizens of the forest floor. A modern diagnosis of *Recurvidris* is given and a key to its species presented, along with a synopsis of current knowledge of the genus and its included species.