

legs long and slender. Dull, being finely and densely punctate over the entire body and appendages; mandibles in addition carrying short and irregular rugae. Head brownish yellow with anterior margin infuscated, antennae brown with funiculi darker than the scapes, mandibles dark brown; remainder of body brown with a ferruginous tinge. — Worker: Length, 3-7 mm. Dull, being finely and densely punctate as in the soldier, the mandibles having in addition slight and short rugae. Ferruginous, the body and legs being concolorous except for infuscated anterior margin of head and dark brown mandibles and antennae. — Type locality: Area above confluence of Boqueron and Pequeni rivers, tributaries of the Chagres, Republic of Panama, December 15, 1947, T. C. Schneirla. Cotypes in The American Museum of Natural History and in my collection. — It is interesting to note that the two recorded colonies of this eciton were found in the general area of the Camino Real or Las Cruces trail over which, during the Spanish colonial period, pack trains carried gold from Panama City and from the mine at Candelaria to the Caribbean termination of the route at Porto Bello, for transshipment to Spain. In view of this background, it has seemed very appropriate to accept Schneirla's suggestion that the species be named "*conquistador*."