

western races exist is made very unlikely by the occurrence of the extreme red form (*pulchra*) at its type locality, Cann River, which is on the southern fringe of the Alps in the south-eastern corner of Victoria. Since intergradation must have been present in the fairly extensive collections available to Clark, his failure to discuss color variation lends a spurious distinctness to the forms he has separated as species. This failure is evident in species after species throughout the 1952 work, which leads me to believe that many of the types of forms I have not been able to see are mere intergrade-linked color variants. Future Australian workers having access to the types will be able to correct this situation in the presence of adequate series showing the trends of variation. Clark's *M. crassinoda* seems, from the original description, to be merely one intermediate stage of variation in the *pulchra-murina* intergrade set, but this will have to be checked by type examination.

Material studied in addition to types, with alitrunk and nodes very nearly entirely or entirely black (*murina*): Blundell's Creek, 2600 feet, A. C. T.; Mt. Kosciusko, 4-5000 feet, New South Wales (P. J. Darlington); Mt. Buffalo, 4500 feet, Victoria (F. E. Wilson). Alitrunk with at least the posterior pronotum and entire mesonotum largely reddish, postpetiole red, black or mottled (*fallax* through *pulchra*): Grampians Ranges, Oct. 1928; Mt. William, Grampians Ranges, Victoria, Dec. 1951 (F. E. Wilson); Mt. Lofty (W. M. Wheeler), and Aldgate, South Australia (W. L. Brown). The workers have been found foraging in warm weather at midday.

#### MYRMECIA CARDIGASTER New name

- pro Myrmecia cordata* Clark, 1952, Formic. Australia, Melbourne, 1: 116, fig. 90, worker.  
*nec Myrmecia cordata* Fabricius, 1805, Systema Piezatorum, p. 425, worker. (Dacetini).

#### MYRMECIA FORFICATA (Fabricius)

- Formica forficata* Fabricius, 1787, Mant. Ins. 1: 310, worker.  
*Myrmecia forficata* Clark, 1952, Formic. Australia, Melbourne, 1: 93, figs. 72-74, worker, female, male, part, synonymy given.  
*Myrmecia brevinoda* Clark, 1952, *Ibid.*, p. 96, figs. 75, 76, worker, female; *nec* Forel (see farther above under *Myrmecia brevinoda* Forel).  
*Myrmecia forficata* var. *rubra* Forel, 1910, Rev. Suisse Zool. 18: 3, worker.  
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