

wider and more opaque above; it was described by Wheeler as subspecies *pilosior*, but should be considered as a good species until more is known about the variation in this complex, which, if it matches the variation found in *brunoi* in Africa, may be considerable. *T. pilosior* occurs westward to the scarp of the Tibetan Plateau, where I collected a worker on Mt. Omei, Szechuan Province, in 1945; *Euponera* (*Trachymesopus*) *chosonensis* Teranishi, 1940, from Osaka, Japan, is its **new synonym**. The Oriental and African forms of this group are also very close, and deserve careful comparison. The *sharpi* group does not really belong to *Trachymesopus*, and will eventually have to be moved out. But in order to avoid one additional round of name changes, I am leaving it where it is until the limits of other closely related groups, especially *Brachyponera*, are clarified.

TRACHYMESOPUS BRUNOI comb. nov.

- Pachycondyla* (*Ectomomyrmex*) *brunoi* Forel, 1913, Deutsche ent. Zeitschr., beih., p. 205, worker. Type loc.: Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia. Syntype examined.
- Euponera* (*Trachymesopus*) *nigeriensis* Santschi, 1914, Boll. Lab. Zool. Portici, 8: 316, worker. Type loc.: Olokomeji, Nigeria; also from Aburi, Gold Coast. Syntype examined. **New synonymy.**
- Euponera* (*Trachymesopus*) *bayoni* Menozzi, 1932, Ann. Mus. Civ. Stor. Nat. Genova, 56: 97-98, worker. Type loc.: Kome, Sesse Archipelago, Victoria Nyanza, Uganda. **New synonymy.**
- Ectomomyrmex nigeriensis* var. *katangana* Santschi, 1933, Bull. Ann. Soc. Ent. Belg., 73: 96, Type loc.: Pweto, Elisabethville, Belgian Congo. Syntype examined. **New synonymy.**
- Euponera* (*Mesoponera*) *dentis* Weber, 1942, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., 44: 43, fig. 9, dealate female. Type loc.: Lotti Forest, Imatong Mts., Sudan. Type examined. **New synonymy.**
- Euponera* (*Trachymesopus*) *lamottci* Bernard, 1953, Mem. Inst. Fr. Afrique Noire, 19 (1): 195, fig. 2g, h, i, dealate female. Type loc.: Keoulenta Savannah, French Guinea. **New synonymy.**

This species occurs widely in Africa south of the Sahara. In addition to the types mentioned above, I have seen samples from Liberia, Camerouns and the Kalahari Desert. There is some small variation among these samples in relative head width and in strength and opacity of the sculpture, but this appears to be both size-linked (allometric) and continuous.