

(O. Conde leg.). Minas Gerais State, Serra Caraça (K. Lenko leg.). São Paulo State, Fazenda Itaquerê, Nova Europa (K. Lenko leg.). The species ranges from Bolivia to Veracruz State in Mexico.

Typhlomyrmex foreli

Typhlomyrmex foreli Santschi, 1924, Ann. Soc. ent. Belg., 64: 6, female.
Type locality: Rio Negro, Parana, Brazil. Location of type unknown (not in Santschi Collection).

This species was described from a single gyne. I suspect it to be the gyne of *T. major*, but some items in Santschi's description will leave doubts until the type can be re-examined. Probably the "court sillon médian" on the clypeus can be dismissed as an illusion caused by the shiny surface here; I have noticed this in other species. Santschi says that the external margins of the mandibles are slightly concave, a description that will fit no specimen of any species of *Typhlomyrmex* in full-face view, but will fit all of them if viewed obliquely from above and slightly to the side.

The "bord terminal long, finement denticulé avec une dent apicale bien développée" would fit the new species *prolatus* (see above), but would also fit *T. major* reasonably well.

Santschi's statement, "The first article of the funiculus is not quite as long as the three following ones taken together" fits *prolatus* fairly well, while in a gyne I take to be *major*, the first funicular segment is shorter than this.

In spite of these difficulties, the like of which often crop up in connection with Santschi's descriptions of ants, I think it probable that *T. foreli* and *T. major* are conspecific. The distributional evidence weighs for this decision, and Santschi mentions no posterior concavity of petiole and no median postpetiolar carina such as *prolatus* carries.

Summary of changes proposed
in species-level taxonomy of *Typhlomyrmex*

clavicornis Emery

= *clavicornis* var. *divergens* Forel, n. syn.

= *richardsi* Donisthorpe, n. syn.

? *foreli* Santschi (possibly a synonym of *T. major*)

major Santschi, raised to species level

prolatus sp. nov.

pusillus Emery

= *schmidti* Menozzi, n. syn.

rogenhoferi Mayr

= *robustus* Emery