

border, which is very feebly constricted; no trace of lateral conules. Gaster (slightly dented) about 0.64 mm wide near the middle, with the usual subtruncate anterior end; strongly convex both above and below. Legs rather long and slender (longer than in *radoszkowskii*), but with moderately incrassate femora and tibiae.

Dorsum of head (face) densely reticulopunctulate and opaque, except for the shining areas noted above; area between frontal carinae and cheeks in front of eyes finely longitudinally costulate (Figs. 1 and 3). Sides of head behind (below) eyes, and all of ventral surface of head, smooth and shining. Alitrunk, both waist segments and basal 3/5 of first gastric tergite reticulopunctulate and opaque. Most of legs, a large spot on each side wall of pronotum, and most of gaster smooth and shining. Antennal scapes finely punctulate, weakly shining, with some indistinct longitudinal costulae mainly near base.

Longer erect setae, mostly bilaterally paired, arranged as shown in the figures (see especially Fig. 1). Head, mandibles, legs and gastric dorsum, especially the smooth surfaces, with sparse, fine, short appressed hairs. Scapes, femora, tibiae, coxae and trochanters each with 1-3 short, fine oblique standing hairs.

Color distinctive: body castaneous, including scapes, frontal triangle and posteromedian lobe of clypeus, margins of mandibles and frontal carinae, and the upper 3/4 of the sides of the head, including compound eyes (pattern shown in Figs. 1 and 3, especially the former); alitrunk and scapes darker than the rest, almost piceous. Legs and scapes dull brownish yellow. Dorsal surface and lower sides of head a contrasting light yellow, along with anterior clypeus and most of mandibles. This color pattern resembles at a glance that of *Pheidole punctatissima*, the common epiphyte dweller of Middle America.

Soldier variation: Of the paratypes, 4 soldiers were measured; a small specimen from sample M-77 has HL 1.00, HW 0.94 mm (CI 94), while the largest soldier in M-60 measures: TL 3.3, HL 0.08, HW 1.01 (CI 94), WL 0.91. The other soldiers are intermediate in size (HL), but one from the Igarapé Marianil berlesate has HL 1.07 by HW 1.02 mm (CI 95). Soldiers in the paratype series vary in depth of coloration, but the general pattern is the same. Some examples have an extra pair of erect hairs on the mesonotum.

Worker (from type nest series): TL 2.3, HL 0.58, HW 0.46 (CI 79), WL 0.75, scape L 0.73, greatest diam. eye 0.12 mm.

Form, sculpture and pilosity well portrayed in Figs. 2 and 4. Note the shape of the back of the head, rather narrowly rounded as seen