

gradually into the sides of the head below. Eyes large, convex and of many facets, plainly visible from above; in front of them there is a narrow vertical impression. Mandibles six times longer than wide, at the apex with four teeth, of which the inferior apical and the third are short and subequal, the superior apical longest and a little longer than the fourth or basal. Clypeus subtriangular, the apical margin straight. The scapes extend back a little beyond the middle of the head; the first joint of the flagellum longer than wide and as long as the second and third united, the fourth a little longer than the first, the fifth or apical joint six times longer than wide and a fifth longer than the other joints united. Pronotum twice as wide as long in the middle, the posterior half of its sides marginate. Pro-mesonotal and meso-metanotal sutures distinct but shallow, the meta-epinotal suture deep. Mesonotum semicircular, the metanotum as long as the mesonotum and a little wider in front than behind, marginate at the sides. Epinotal dorsum slightly widened caudad, as long as wide behind, the posterior angles with a tooth, acute and as long as wide at the base; the declivity steep and a little longer than the dorsum. Peduncle of the petiole half as long again as the node, the latter on its dorsal face subhexagonal, nearly twice as wide as long, its anterior margin concave. The second node of the petiole transversely oval, nearly twice as wide as long, two-thirds wider than the first, convex. There are about 30 striae on the basal half of the first tergite.

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This species, on account of the position of the eyes belongs to the subgenus *Proscopomyrmex* Pat. and is allied to *S. faurei*, from which it differs by its larger size, larger eyes, narrower thorax, the shape of the nodes of the petiole and the presence of the spoon-shaped hairs on the head and pronotum and the much more abundant striation on the first tergite.

#### Subfamily FORMICINAE

### *Anoplolepis (Mesanoplolepis) melanaria* Arn.

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Race *ochraceotincta* n.subsp.

♀. 2.4 mm. long. Smaller than the type of the species, from which it differs also as follows: Brownish black, including the femora and tibiae. Posterior half of the first tergite, and the second tergite except at the sides and hind margin, suffused with brownish ochreous. Head shorter, about one-seventh longer than wide, eyes more convex. Antennae shorter, the scapes extend beyond the occipital margin by about half the length of their apical width. All the joints of the flagellum shorter, the second and third united one-fifth longer than the first (one-third longer in the type of the species).

Hillside, Bulawayo. The entrance to the nest, in sandy soil, is a small hole, not surrounded by a crater.

Paratypes, B.M., S.A.M.