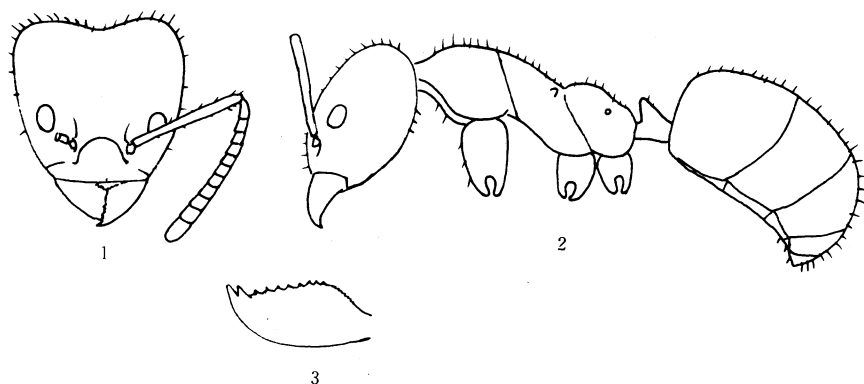


teeth, 0-3 denticles; apical tooth slightly longer than subapical tooth; basal margin denticulate distally. Alitrunk elongate. Declivous face of propodeum convex; dorsal face convex, subequal in length to declivous face; propodeal angle indistinct. Meso-propodeal groove deeply impressed. Petiole scaliform, strongly inclined anteriorly and with anterior face much shorter than posterior face. Gaster oval.

***Philidris notiala* sp. nov.** (Figs. 1-3)

Holotype worker: TL 3.8, HL 0.93, HW 0.92, CI 98, SL 0.75, SI 81, PW 0.56, AL 1.12, ED 0.18.



Figs. 1-3 *Philidris notiala* sp. nov. worker.

1. Head in frontal view; 2. body in profile view; 3. left mandible.

Head with mandibles heart-shaped, much broader posteriorly than in front, occipital border broadly concave. Mandible with 10 teeth, basal margin denticulate distally. Median portion of clypeus slightly convex, anterior clypeal margin straight, central projection feeble. Frontal area triangular, frontal carinae short, widely aparted, slightly diverged posteriorly. Antennal scape short, slightly extending beyond occipital corner of head. Eyes large, feebly convex; median ocellus indistinctly vestigial. Pro-mesonotum broad, forming a convexity, mesonotum obliqued backward; pro-mesonotal groove distinct, but not impressed; meso-propodeal groove impressed deeply; propodeum rounded, basal face convex, equal in length to declivous face. Petiolar node low, thick at base, rounded above, strongly inclined anteriorly. Gaster rather long, convex anteriorly but not overhang the petiolar node.

Shining throughout; feebly punctated on head, alitrunk, petiole and on gaster. Erect hairs long and soft, moderately dense on whole body; the longest hair on pronotum 0.25 mm. Pubescence fine and abundant.

Head, alitrunk and petiole brownish yellow; mandibles brownish red; antennae