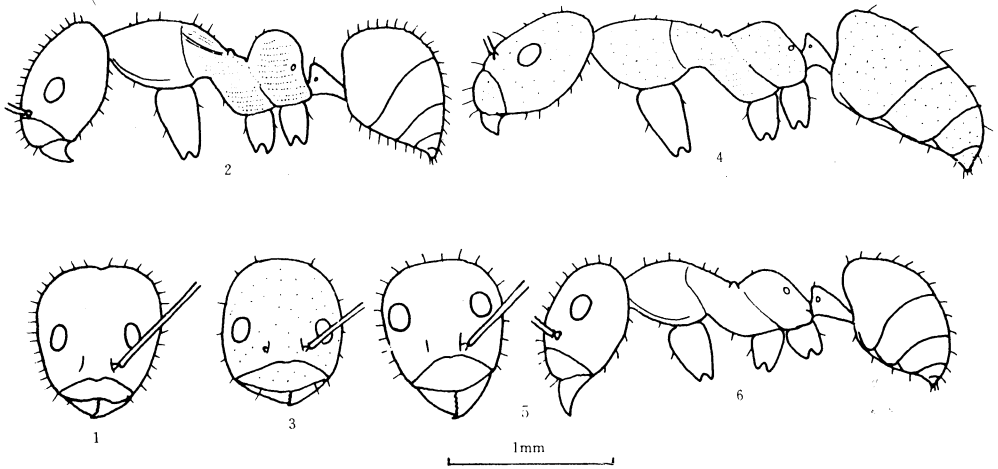


shorter than posterior face which is long and slightly convex; upper border transverse in dorsal. Gaster broadly oval, convex above, anterior face concave. Mandibles feebly longitudinally striate. Head, alitrunk and gaster feebly reticulate, slightly shining. Reticulations coarser on head, feebler on alitrunk, feebler but denser on gaster than on head. Hairs redish brown, abundant on head and on gaster; pronotum and mesonotum each with 2 pairs of long hairs and a few short hairs. Pubescence delicate and short, abundant on whole body. Head brownish orange, darker on vertex; alitrunk and petiole yellowish brown; mandibles, clypeus, antennae and legs yellow, gaster blackish brown.



**Figs. 1-6** *Prenolepis* and *Paratrechina* workers.

**1,2.** *Prenolepis sphingthoraxa* sp. nov.; **3,4.** *Prenolepis umbra* sp. nov.; **5,6.** *Paratrechina opisophthalmia* sp. nov.; **1, 3, 5.** head in frontal; **2, 4, 6.** body in profile.

Paratypes 14 workers; TL 3.2-3.5, HL 0.81-0.85, HW 0.63-0.67, CI 76-78, SL 0.91-0.98, SI 144-148, PW 0.51-0.55, AL 1.05-1.10, ED 0.21-0.23.

Holotype worker, Huaping Natural Conservation, Zhuang Autonomous Region of Guangxi, Jul. 5, 1995, collected by Shanyi Zhou. Paratypes: 9 workers, data as holotype; 4 workers, Daming Mountain Natural Conservation, Zhuang Autonomous Region of Guangxi, Oct. 10, 1995; 1 worker, Dayao Mountain Natural Conservation, Zhuang Autonomous Region of Guangxi, Sep. 24, 1995. All the specimens were collected by Shanyi Zhou.

This new species is a special one and not related to any known species of the genus in its compound eyes placed posterior on head (distance between posterior border of eye and occipital border 0.40 mm, that between anterior border of eye and an-