

at posterior end. Entire ant covered with scarce, flexuous hairs, concolorous light brown.

Male: HL 0.74 - 0.95, HW (posterior to eye) 0.66 - 0.96, SL 0.20 - 0.28, EL 0.39 - 0.48, WL 1.66 - 1.68, PW 0.36 - 0.39, PL 0.45 - 0.51, SI 27 - 29, CI 90 - 101, PI 124 - 132.

The male is similar to those of other species in the genus and is difficult to separate. Apparently the shape of the volsellae, shape of the petiole and sculpturing of the propodeum will separate this species from some of the other species (see key). The scape is slightly thickened, but bears no resemblance to the characteristic shape of the scape of the worker.

*Discussion.* The worker is similar to that of *A. kirbyi*, but is easily distinguished by the short, thick scapes with a well formed angle (Fig. 4). The female is very similar to that of *A. quadratus*, but differs in that the anterior surface of the scape is angulate and the female of this species possesses a well developed malar groove. The male is almost indistinguishable from that of *A. laticornis*. It differs primarily in that the sculpture of the propodeum is rougher.

*Distribution:* Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay (Santschi, 1916:365) (Map 6).

*Type Series:* *Acanthostichus laticornis*, lectotype worker (here designated) (MHNG) and eleven paralectotype workers (MHNG), 1 paralectotype worker (NHMB), PARAGUAY, San Bernardino (Fiebig); *A. laticornis* ♀orel worker type Formic #5944, Coll. Forel [all seen]. Two possible cotype workers in MACN. *Acanthostichus laticornis* var. *obscuridens*, ARGENTINA, Misiones, Estación Experimental Loreto, Dr. A. A. Oglobin, 24-viii-1933, female, lectotype worker (here designated) (NHMB) and 4 paralectotype workers (NHMB) [seen], five paralectotype workers (MZSP) [seen].

*Material examined.* ARGENTINA: Misiones, Loreto, 24-viii-1933, Oglobin, Cotypes of *A. laticornis* var. *obscuridens*, Borgmeier # 5540 (5 workers MZSP), Tucumán, 19-xii-1958, N. Kusnezov, #10607 (1 male IMLA), Tucumán, 20-iii-1955, N. Kusnezov (1 male IMLA). BRAZIL: Bahia, Encruzilhada, xi-1972, Seabra & Alvarenga, 980 m, #'s 12974, 12975, 13806 (8 males MZSP); Distrito Federal, Floresta da Tijuca, iii-1958, C. Campos Seabra (6 males MZSP), Goiás, Jatai, xii-1972, F. Oliveira, # 8943 (2 males MZSP); Mato Grosso, Sinop (55°37' 12°31'), x-1974, M. Alvarenga, # 12832 (1 male MZSP); Pernambuco, Caruaru, iv-1972, M. Alvarenga, 900 m, # 7533 (2 males MZSP), Caruaru, v-1972, T. Lime (3 males MZSP); São Paulo, Campinas, Schwarzmaier, # 5533 (2 workers MZSP), Onda Verde, i-1946, F. Lane, prey of asilid fly (1 male MZSP), Pto. Cantagulo, 13-vi-1959, Forattini (1 male MZSP), Repr. Rio