

***Myrmica cagnianti*, a new ant from North Africa (Hymenoptera, Formicidae)**

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Myrmica cagnianti, a new ant from North Africa (Hymenoptera, Formicidae).— *Myrmica cagnianti*, a Moroccan ant, is proposed as a new species. It is characterized by its scape without lobulated extension, fine pilosity, absence of tibial spurs II and III and the shape of the petiole node. Differences from *M. aloba* Forel, *M. specioides* Bondroit and *M. scabrinodis* Nylander are described. The males of this new species are very similar to *M. scabrinodis* males. Cephalic indices provide a good way to discriminate between *M. cagnianti* and related species. The social parasite *Myrmica kabylica* (Cagniant) has been found in a nest of this new species, constituting the second record for this rare ant.

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Introduction

Several *Myrmica* species from North Africa have been recorded. These include *M. aloba* Forel from Morocco (SANTSCHI, 1931a, 1936, 1939; COLLINGWOOD, 1963) and Tunis (SANTSCHI, 1931b); *M. rubra* L. from the Higher Atlas (CAGNIANT, 1962); *M.*

ruginodis Nylander from Tebessa (SANTSCHI, 1910); *M. scabrinodis* Nylander from Tebessa (FOREL, 1890) and from Tonga Lake, Algeria (CAGNIANT, 1969); *M. sabuleti* Meinert was referred to as a tramp species in North Africa (EMERY, 1921); *M. rolandi* Bondroit (a synonym of *M. scabrinodis*; SEIFERT, 1988) from Tunis