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NEW SPECIES OF AFRICAN HYMENOPTERA NO. 13

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The types of the new species described herein are in the National Museum of Southern Rhodesia.

The least magnification required to resolve the puncturation, using a Leitz binocular microscope, is given in parentheses (...diameters).

FORMICIDAE

Subfamily MYRMICINAE

***Myrmecaria faurei rhodesiae* n.var.**

M. faurei Arn., 1947, *Occ. Pap. Nat. Mus. S. Rhod.* XIII, 134.

♀. 6.8–8.8 mm. long. This is a montane ant, like the type of the species from which it differs as follows.

The median carina of the clypeus is feebler, and the lateral carinae or rugae are reduced; in the smallest specimens the median carina is absent and there are only traces of the lateral ones. The rugose sculpture of the pronotum and mesonotum is weaker, on the pronotal dorsum reduced to seven thin and widely spaced rugae. The epinotal teeth are divergent, horizontal, not curved downwards as in the typical species, and much shorter. In the latter they are about 1 mm. long and nearly as long as the first three joints of the flagellum, whereas in this variety they are not more than 0.6 mm. long and not quite so long as the first two joints. The peduncle of the first node of the petiole is longer, the node measured from the side being only half as long as the peduncle.

Vumba Mountains, Southern Rhodesia, 5000 ft. In a large nest in grassy ground.

***Monomorium distinctum leviceps* n.var.**

M. distinctum Arnold, 1944, *Occ. Pap. Nat. Mus. S. Rhod.* XI, 11.

♀. 2.7 mm. long. This variety differs from the type of the species in the much sparser and smaller puncturation of the head. The punctures are about half as large as those of the type, almost absent on the middle longitudinal third, and at the sides separated by spaces about five times wider than the punctures. The hind margin of the head is clearly more deeply concave. The head is as wide behind as in front.

Sundays River, East Cape Province, June 1955 (*N. Myers*).