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The familiar black and red-and-black carpenter ants related to *Camponotus herculeanus* Linné form an essentially Holarctic group of a few species and subspecies bearing a great superfluity of names. For convenience only, the group may be divided geographically into Eurasian and North American sections. The North American forms have recently been treated fully by Creighton (1950), and his work is accepted with two alterations (Brown, 1950).

Relatively little synonymy applies among European forms, although the identity of Linne's original *C. herculeanus* may be questioned. The chief problem here is the separation of the "accepted" *herculeanus* from the closely related *ligniperda* (Latreille); certainly the two species have been confused by many European myrmecographers. Menozzi (1922) has attempted to put their separation on a more definite basis by claiming differences in the male genitalia in addition to the more commonly accepted criteria of color and sculpture in the female and worker castes. Our examination of the genitalia in a few specimens of each form has failed to show significant genitalic differences, but more material would perhaps be more revelatory of characters. It seems probable that *ligniperda* exists as a separate specific entity, however, though its ethological, distributional and even morphological features are in need of clarification by some specialist with a broad field knowledge of both common forms.

Emery has rightly eliminated Forel's variety *herculeano-ligniperda* as representing the small, dark minim worker of the "typical"

*ligniperda*. Menozzi's variety *nadigi* (1922) is an almost completely black form of *herculeanus* such as is found at many other points in the range of the latter. The present evidence does not support its treatment as a geographical race, and we provisionally consider it a synonym. The European fauna is considered to consist of *C. herculeanus*, *C. ligniperda* and *C. vagus* Scopoli. The last-named is quite distinct as a species, and need not be mentioned further here.

The Asian fauna of the group has been dealt with successively and almost completely intra-nationally by western European, Russian, American and Japanese specialists. It is scarcely surprising that there exist one or more each European, Russian, American and Japanese names for most forms which have been considered distinct even in the past. The terrible taxonomic tangle resulting from this nomenclatorial short-sightedness should serve as a warning to taxonomists who refuse to study variation beyond the nearest political boundaries. It is the chief purpose of the present paper to analyze the Asian members of the group on the basis of modern population systematics and to unravel the nomenclatorial tangle as far as possible. The pertinent literature is so widely scattered and voluminous that it is almost certain we have overlooked many references, especially in the more recent European and Russian journals. While many of these may contain valuable distributional or ethological data, the probability of misidentifications occurring in them is strong enough to render their uncritical acceptance only a further source of confusion.

In order that the reader may follow our discussion more easily, we here present our systematic conclusions regarding the Eurasian fauna in skeleton arrangement:

*Camponotus herculeanus herculeanus* (Linné)

- =var. *nadigi* Menozzi (new syn.)
- =var. *montana* Ruzsky (Emery syn.)
- =var. *whymperi* Forel (Creighton syn.)
- =var. *jacutica* Karawajew (new syn.)

*Camponotus herculeanus japonicus* Mayr

- (a) Absolute synonyms
- =var. *miltotus* Wheeler (new syn.)
- =subsp. *wui* Wheeler (new syn.)

- (b) Concolorous or nearly concolorous black forms referable mainly to *japonicus*, but with clypeus and pubescence variably tending toward those of *C. h. herculeanus*. Intergrades, *japonicus*  $\times$  *herculeanus*.

=var. *aterrima* Emery (new syn.)  
 =var. *sachalinensis* Forel (new syn.)  
 =var. *saxatilis* Ruzsky (new syn.)  
 =var. *manczshurica* Ruzsky (new syn.)  
 =var. *sanguinea* Karawajew (new syn.)

- (c) Forms with pubescence of *japonicus*, clypeus intermediate, head and gaster black, alitrunk red. Intergrades, *japonicus*  $\times$  *herculeanus*.

=var. *cruentata* Karawajew (nom. praeocc.)  
 =var. *atrox* Emery, nom. pro. *cruentata* (new syn.)  
 =var. *koreanus* Teranishi (new syn.)  
 =var. *jeholensis* Teranishi (new syn.)

*Camponotus ligniperda* (Latreille)

=var. *herculeano-ligniperdia* Forel (Emery syn.)

*Camponotus obscuripes obscuripes* Mayr

*Camponotus obscuripes hémichlaena* Yasumatsu et Brown, subsp. nov.

*Camponotus yessensis* Teranishi (raised to species)

*Camponotus formosensis* Wheeler (raised to species)

*Camponotus vagus* Scopoli (confirmed as a good species)

#### *Species inquirendae*

*Camponotus punctatissimus* Emery

*Camponotus cilicicus* Emery

*Camponotus vagus* var. *kodorica* Forel

*Camponotus herculeanus eudokiae* Ruzsky

#### THE RELATIONSHIP OF *Camponotus herculeanus* TO *C. japonicus*

The chief characters of taxonomic value in the *herculeanus* complex are pilosity and color; density and opacity of gastric sculpture and the slightly advanced clypeal lobe of *japonicus* are of importance also. *C. ligniperda* has the most shining gastric surface, with very light cross-striation, and usually has the entire alitrunk as well as a considerable portion of the first gastric segment red. Its gastric *pubescence* falls far short of reaching the

posterior borders of the segments in the middle. *C. herculeanus* has somewhat stronger gastric sculpture; the body is most often black except for the legs and a small area containing the posterior propodeum, node and sometimes the extreme base of the gaster, which are deep red; the gastric pubescence usually reaches nearly to the posterior borders of the gastric segments in the middle and only rarely slightly surpasses them (the latter is probably an intergradient condition). *C. japonicus* has quite the heaviest gastric sculpture, and this produces a silky opacity of the surface; the body and legs are typically concolorous black; the gastric pubescence is yellowish, coarse and dense, surpassing the posterior borders of the segments often by half or more of its length. *Ligniperda* will not concern us further here.

In dealing with color, it must be emphasized that the complex varies considerably according to *ecological* as well as *genetic* factors. This is especially true of *herculeanus* and *japonicus*. *C. herculeanus herculeanus* normally nests in timber in cold boreal or subalpine regions. Near timberline on Mt. Washington, in the northeastern United States, the only trees (*Picea*) are strongly dwarfed and not suitable for nesting, and *herculeanus* is forced to nest in the thin soil beneath rocks under extremely cold, arid and exposed conditions. Nests taken by Brown in this locality are all "depauperate" in that the workers are all smaller and much lighter in color than in "normal" nests from lower altitudes on the same mountain. The timberline workers have the alitrunk a faded red throughout.

A somewhat similar phenomenon may be noted in *japonicus*. Specimens from arid regions in North China often have large parts of the head dark red (var. *multotus* Wheeler). Brown has taken workers, usually majors, of this type in Shensi running in the same files with "normal" black specimens. Where cold and aridity reach extremes together, as in the high mountains of Sikang, both D. C. Graham and Brown found nests with all or most of the workers having almost the entire head and alitrunk a pale reddish color. It is therefore evident that color variants in this group must be treated with the utmost caution.

In Asia, *herculeanus* is most typically associated with the boreal and alpine coniferous forests of the Siberian taiga and the highest mountains of China, Japan, trans-Himalaya, etc.

*Japonicus* is typically a soil nester in the more temperate plains and lower mountains of China and Japan. The ranges of the two reach toward each other and are deeply interlocked in the mountain chains so abundant in eastern Asia. The present evidence shows, we believe, that the two forms can and do intergrade in most or all intermediate zones, although the transition appears fairly sharp in mountainous regions. This sharp transition is probably due in large part to the activity of man in lumbering and clearing the middle mountain slopes for agriculture, a practice followed widely in China and Japan. The relatively undisturbed regions are remote, but would repay study.

Intergradation of a much more gradual sort is fairly clear in a review of low-altitude material ranging from south to north in East Asia. The slightly projecting clypeal border and dense long pubescence which characterize *japonicus* become less and less marked as one goes northward in China and Manchuria, producing the forms known as *aterrima*, *sachalinensis*, *saxatilis* (Ural Mts.), *manczshurica* and *sanguinea*, which seem to grade insensibly into *herculeanus*. This intergradation occurs over a wide belt stretching from the southern Urals to Sakhalin. Unfortunately, we have little or no information concerning the state of affairs in wide stretches of Central Asia: Sinkiang, Chinghai, Mongolia; if our interpretation is correct, intergrades should occur in these regions on the isolated mountain ranges.

The forms called *atrox*, *jeholensis* and *koreanus* are approximately equivalent and are essentially *japonicus* in sculpture and pilosity, while the alitrunk is a rather uniform red, a color type commonly encountered among *herculeanus* populations (see above). This form has been reported (in the original descriptions) from mountains in northern Korea and Manchuria, and Yasumatsu has taken specimens in the mountains of Shansi.

The forms discussed in the two foregoing paragraphs are considered by us to represent the array of phenotypes expected of a hybrid swarm formed at the meeting of two geographical races which have been or less completely separated, possibly during the relatively mild glaciation undergone by East Asia. This swarm appears to follow conditions mentioned in Ernst Mayr's "Evolution and the Origin of Species" (1942). It is interesting to note that *japonicus* specimens with slightly thinned gastric

pubescence from Boketu and White River, Barum, Manchuria (P. and H. Dorsett) in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, which were determined as "*aterrima*" by Wheeler, are accompanied by a collector's note stating that they were taken from the bases of willow trees. Does this indicate an intergradation in nesting habits, as might be expected to occur?

Carrying the data to their logical conclusion, we here treat *japonicus* as a southern geographical race of *herculeanus* in spite of the fact that the great majority of specimens we have seen are definitely assignable to one or the other name. We place the intergrades in the synonymy of *japonicus* because most of them seem closer to the southern race, but some of them could equally well be placed under the "typical" *herculeanus*. Illustrative of the confusion is an extract of a letter from the late Dr. Karawajew to Teranishi, both of whom worked extensively in the complex:

" . . . . *jacutica* is a synonym of *sachalinensis*; *aterrima* Teranishi (Zool. Mag., 41 : 240)=*saxatilis*; *aterrima* Karawajew (Rev. Russ. d'Ent., 12 : 594, 1912)=*jacutica*."

The form *jacutica*, of course, is the "typical" *herculeanus*, which in Asia has gone under the names *whymperi* and *montana* as well. Specimens of *herculeanus* with "typical" pilosity and sculpture, but entirely black, are known from the highest Japanese mountains, and we have seen similar specimens from near the top of the small island Uotsurijima (=Hoa Pin San) at about 1200 feet altitude. This island is only a short distance off the northern end of Formosa. The specimens were furnished by the collector, the late Mr. Masaki; they probably represent an isolated colony originated by a wind-borne female. It is an interesting corollary of this arrangement that *herculeanus* seems to produce extreme melanic forms in the southern montane extensions of its range on all continents; only in North America does the melanic population seem to show the characteristics of a reasonably well-defined geographical race in *C. herculeanus modoc* Wheeler. Further, more intensive studies of this group in such montane regions may show that the situation is much more complex than our arrangement admits at present. We have gone as far here as purely morphological and distributional data will permit, and we believe that future students will have to resort to interbreeding and trans-

plantation experiments in order further to clarify the relationships between the populations.

*Camponotus herculeanus herculeanus* (Linné)

*Formica herculeana* Linné, 1758, Syst. Nat., edition 10, 1: 579.

*Camponotus herculeanus* Emery, 1925, Gen. Ins., Fasc. 183, pp. 72-73. See for further synonymy and older references.

*Camponotus herculeanus pennsylvanicus* var. *whymperi* Forel, 1902, Trans. Ent. Soc. London, p. 669, ♀ ♀, original description from N. American specimens. Emery, 1925, loc. cit., synonymy. Forel, 1903, Ann. Mus. Zool. Acad. Imp. Sci. St. Petersburg, 8: 14, Sibirie de sud-ouest. Kisselewa, 1925, Ber. Tomsker Staats-Univ., 75: 73, Ussuri. Ruzsky, 1936, Trav. Inst. Sci. Biol. Tomsk, 2: 89-90, Transbaikalgobiet.

*Camponotus herculeanus* Kisselewa, 1925, Ber. Tomsker Staats-Univ., 75: 75, Ussuri. Ruzsky, 1936, Trav. Inst. Sci. Biol. Tomsk, 2: 89, Transbaikalgobiet. Creighton, 1950, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., Harvard Univ., 104: pp. 363-370, discussion of *C. herculeanus* group in N. America and synonymization of var. *whymperi*. See also European records and other information in numerous faunal lists and other papers by European and Russian writers, esp. Kuznezov-Ugamsky, Karawajew, Holgersen, et al. For biology, see Eidmann, esp. 1928, Zeitschr. f. angewandte Ent., pp. 229-253, 9 figs.

*Camponotus herculeanus* var. *jakutica* Karawajew, 1929, Mem. Classe Sci. Phys. Math. Acad. Sci. Ukraine, 8: 210, original description, Yakutsk. 1931, Zool. Anz., 93: 30, Yakutsk, Ussuri, Irkutsk, Umgebung des Baikalsees, Sakhalin. 1931, Ibid., 94: 107, Irkutsk, Sakhalin, Yakutsk, (new synonymy).

*Camponotus herculeanus herculeanus* Kôno et Sugihara, 1939, Trans. Kansai Ent. Soc., 8: 10, Sakhalin, northeastern Hokkaido. (For additional *partim* synonymy see references under var. *sachalinensis* given in the synonymy of *C. herculeanus japonicus* below. Probably most *sachalinensis* records are based on the black, near-typical form of *herculeanus*, but so long as these forms are considered intergradient between the two races it matters little under which name they are placed in synonymy.).

Distribution: *C. herculeanus herculeanus* has a Holarctic range surpassed by few other ants. It is found almost everywhere within the natural ranges of the coniferous genera *Picea* and *Abies*, particularly the former, the presence of which seems almost to be a prerequisite to the development of the ant in its most typical form. This attachment is more or less exclusive, for other species of *Camponotus* are rare or absent in the various muskegs, taiga and montane forests of the spruce belt. The fact that spruce and spruce-fir forests are usually relatively discontinuous may provide one reason for the seeming scarcity of intergrades between "typical" *herculeanus* and *japonicus* in mountain areas in Japan and China south of Manchuria. This statement of ecological

preference is based on rather scanty data and on inferences drawn from locality reports, as well as from limited observations by the junior author in North America. It is unfortunate that the great majority of published records contain little or no ecological data.

*Camponotus herculeanus japonicus* Mayr

*Camponotus japonicus* Mayr, 1866, Verh. Zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, **16**: 885, ♀, original description, Japan.

*Camponotus japonicus* Emery, 1925, Gen. Ins., Fasc. 183, pp. 72-73, further references.

(a) *absolute synonyms*

*Camponotus japonicus* var. *millotus* Wheeler, 1929, Amer. Mus. Novit., No. 361, p. 9, ♀ major, (new synonymy).

*Camponotus japonicus* subsp. *wui* Wheeler, 1929, Ibid., p. 9, ♀ media, (new synonymy).

(b) *Black intergrades to herculeanus*

*Camponotus japonicus* var. *aterrima* Emery, 1894, Ann. Mus. Stor. Nat. Genova, **34**: 478, nota, ♀ ♀, original description as *C. pennsylvanicus* var. (new synonymy). Emery, 1925, Gen. Ins., Fasc. 183, p. 73, further references. Karawajew, 1913, Rev. Russe d'Ent., **12**: 592, part.? Amur, Korea, Sakhalin. 1927, Trav. Mus. Zool. Acad. Sci. Ukraine, **2**: 344, Ussuri, Irkutsk. Mocsáry, 1901, Dritte Asia. Forschungsreise Gr. E. Zichy, **2**: 132, "China": Daba, Kalgan, Tshan-pin-cho. Baltz, 1915, Rev. Russe d'Ent., **25**: 318, observation. Kisselewa, 1925, Ber. Tomsker Staats-Univ., **75**: 73, Ussuri. Santschi, 1925, Bull. Soc. Vaud. Sci. Nat., **56**: 88, Quelpart I. Wheeler, 1931, Peking Nat. Hist. Bull., **5**: 75, summary of records from China, incl. records published by Gee and by Wheeler 1919-1929. Ruzsky, 1915, Ann. Mus. Zool. Acad. Sci. Petersbourg, **19**: 479, Tibet. 1936, Trav. Inst. Sci. Biol. Tomsk, **2**: 90, Transbaikalggebiet. Teranishi, 1929, Zool. Mag., Tokyo, **41**: 240, E. Siberia, China, Korea, Sakhalin, Hokkaido. 1936, Insects of Jehol, VII. Formicidae, pp. 3, 10, fig., Jehol. 1940, Posthumous section in Teranishi Memorial Volume, p. 72, southern Sakhalin, central Hokkaido. Sjöstedt, 1935, Arkiv f. Zool., **28 A**: 5, Kamchatka [?].

*Camponotus herculeanus* var. *sachalinensis* Forel, 1904, Ann. Mus. Zool. Acad. Sci. Petersbourg, **8**: 281, original description, Sakhalin, Mongolia, Manchuria, (new synonymy). Emery, 1925, Gen. Ins., Fasc. 183, p. 73, further references. [often referred to *C. h. pennsylvanicus* as a var.] Yano, 1910, Zool. Mag., Tokyo, **22**: 422, Sakhalin, Siberia. Karawajew, 1913, Rev. Russe d'Ent., **12**: 592, Baikal, Manchuria. 1927, Trav. Mus. Zool. Acad. Sci. Ukraine, **2**: 344, Ussuri. Teranishi, 1932, Trans. Kansai Ent. Soc., **3**: 50, Sakhalin, Shinshu district of Honshu-2030-2300 M. alt. Uchida, 1936, Biogeographica, Tokyo, **1**: 72, Mt. Daisetsu in central Hokkaido; rarer than *saxatilis*. Morishita, 1945, Nippon Seibutsushi, **5**: Insecta, **2**: 17, 21-23, 27, distribution in central mountainous regions of Japan; lower limit of vertical distribution: 1300 M.

- Camponotus herculeanus saxatilis* Ruzsky, 1895, Trav. Soc. Nat. Univ. Kasan, **28** (5): 7, original description, all castes. (new synonymy) Emery, 1925, Gen. Ins., Fasc. 183, p. 73, as var. of *C. h. pennsylvanicus*, further references, southern Ural Mts. to Volga R.
- Camponotus japonicus* var. *manczshurica* Ruzsky, 1915, Ann. Mus. Zool. Acad. Sci. Petrograd, **19**: 481, ♀, Manchuria, (new synonymy).
- Camponotus japonicus* var. *sanguinea* Karawajew, 1929, Mem. Acad. Sci. Ukraine, **13**: 212, all female castes, (new synonymy).

(c) *Intergrades to herculeanus with red alitrunk*

- Camponotus herculeanus japonicus* var. *cruentata* Karawajew, 1912, Rev. Russe d'Ent., **12**: 595, ♀, nec Latreille; original description, Tshinjasi-san, N. Korea, (preoccupied).
- Camponotus japonicus* var. *atrox* Emery, 1925, Gen. Ins., Fasc. 183, p. 73, pro *cruentata* Karawajew, nec Latreille, (new synonymy).
- Camponotus herculeanus japonicus* var. *cruentata* Teranishi, 1929, Zool. Mag., Tokyo, **41**: 241, N. Korea, Mt. Kongo in central Korea.
- Camponotus* (C.) *herculeanus jeholensis* Teranishi, 1936, Insects of Jehol, VII. Formicidae, pp. 4, 10, fig., Jehol, (new synonymy).
- Camponotus* (C.) *herculeanus* [sic] var. *koreanus* Teranishi, 1940, Posthumous section in Teranishi Memorial Volume, p. 71, Mt. Kongo in central Korea, (new synonymy).

Examples from the southern Urals (*saxatilis*) and many from North China, Manchuria, etc. are so similar to the "typical" *japonicus* from Japan that they cannot really be separated, so that *saxatilis* and *aterrima* might be considered as intergrades or as absolute synonyms with equal justice. The description of *sanguinea* was published in the same year as that of *miltotus*, and Karawajew obviously had a form agreeing closely with Wheeler's type in the Museum of Comparative Zoology. The form Wheeler called *wui* clearly belongs to *japonicus*; the yellowish borders and other features of the gaster are found in all *japonicus* if examined closely, especially crushed specimens. We have not seen *manczshurica*, but the description answers well to intergradient specimens from Manchuria. If future study were to show that *japonica* is really a distinct species, all the above forms would probably still have to be considered synonymous with it. *Sachalinensis*, as already mentioned, seems truly intergradient, and most of the specimens on which the literature is based could be put under *herculeanus herculeanus* more easily than under *japonicus*.

The forms *atrox* (*cruentata*), *koreanus*, and *jeholensis* appear to be equivalent. It is doubtful that the name *koreanus* would have seen print had Teranishi lived longer. This color variant of *japonicus* is widely but discontinuously distributed in the

mountains of Korea, Manchuria and North China; Yasumatsu has taken it in the mountains of Shansi. If *japonicus* is ever returned to specific status, "*atrox*" may well have to be considered as an alpine subspecies.

The subspecies *japonicus* is probably the most conspicuous and familiar of all ants throughout the plains and lower hill regions of China and much of Japan. Emery has recorded it from upper Burma. Brown has seen specimens from D. C. Graham and has collected specimens himself from western China at altitudes up to nearly 2500 meters in the mountains along the Szechuan-Sikang (Chinese Tibet) border; in Shensi, *japonicus* was plentiful at 2100 meters in the Tsin Ling Shan at Miao T'ai Tze. The nests are built in the soil, commonly along the dikes between the rice-paddies, and are often furnished with a disorderly crater of coarse earth particles. The nest entrance may be up to a centimeter in diameter. The southern limits of the distribution are unknown, but since the ant is common at Kunming, it must extend down the mountains of Burma and Indo-China for some distance. It has not been taken by any of the recent collectors in Formosa or Okinawa, nor is it known just how nearly continuous the range across to the Volga is from Mongolia. The similarity to *Camponotus pennsylvanicus* of the eastern half of North America is particularly striking.

While we are forced by the available data to consider *japonicus* as most likely a subspecies of *herculeanus*, we so assign it with great reluctance and some uneasiness, and we by no means consider the question completely closed. We believe, however, that the subsidiary synonymy suggested above is for the most part firmly founded. The removal of these doubtful names from the taxonomic field is necessary to the development of the knowledge of the group and is long overdue.

#### *Camponotus obscuripes obscuripes* Mayr

*Camponotus ligniperdus* var. *obscuripes* Mayr, 1871, Verh. Zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, 28: 645, ♀, original description.

*Camponotus ligniperdus* (nec Latreille) F. Smith, 1874, Trans. Ent. Soc. London, p. 402, Japan: specimens were from Hiogo. Matsumura, 1911, 1930, 1931, 1932, in various editions and modifications of Illustr. Ins. Japan, with figures, partim. Of localities cited, *obscuripes* does not occur in Kyushu, Korea, China or Europe.\*

*Camponotus ligniperdus* var. *obscuripes* Forel, 1901, Mitt. Naturh. Mus., Hamburg, 18: 70, Yesso [now called Hokkaido]. André, 1903, Bull. Mus. Hist. Nat. Paris,

- p. 128, Tokyo. Matsumura, 1911, Jour. Coll. Agr., Tohoku Imp. Univ., 4: 99, southern Sakhalin.
- Camponotus herculeanus obscuripes* Emery, 1908, Deutsche Ent. Zeitschr., p. 185, ♀. Watanabe, 1935, Fauna of Towada and Hakkoda Districts, p. 44, Mt. Hakkoda and Tsuta, Honshu. 1937, Cat. Injur. For. Ins. Japan, p. 4, injuring timber. Yasumatsu, 1938, Ins. Japon. Illustr. Icon. Color. Nat. depicta, p. 350, pl. 157, fig. 614, ♀ ♀, partim, short description, Sakhalin to Shikoku, Kyushu incorrect. Konô et Sugihara, 1939, Trans. Kansai Ent. Soc., 8: 9, Hokkaido.
- Camponotus* (s. str.) *ligniperda* var. *obscuripes* Yasumatsu, 1940, Mushi, 13: 1, Tsushima.
- Camponotus ligniperdus obscuripes* Forel, 1907, Mitt. Natur. Mus. Hamburg, 24: 19, Gefu, recte Gifu.
- Camponotus herculeanus* var. *obscuripes* Masaki, 1937, Kontyû, 11: 84, Hachijo I. Yuki, 1938, Hiroshima Konchu Dokokaishi, 4: 12, Itsukushima. Nakano, 1938, Kansai Konchu Zasshi, 5: 83, Sakhalin.
- Camponotus herculeanus ligniperda* var. *obscuripes* (some references with slight variations in spelling) Yano, 1910, Zool. Mag., Tokyo, 22: 422, partim, Hokkaido and Honshu only. Wheeler, 1928, Boll. Lab. Zool. Portici, 21: 117, 127, partim, Honshu only. Teranishi, 1929, Zool. Mag., Tokyo, 41: 239-240, partim, Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku only; alates captured: 6/iv Kyoto, 7/v Mt. Chikuba, 30/v Gumma Prefecture, 8/vii Kamikochi, 25/v Sapporo; nests at roots of pines. Imanishi, 1930, Kontyû, 4: 186, Mt. Tateyama, Honshu. Teranishi, 1931, Trans. Kansai Ent. Soc., 2: 28, Shikotan, Kurile Is. 1940, Teranishi, in Posthumous Section of Teranishi Memorial Volume, p. 71, partim, Hondo and Shikoku, non Kyushu, Korea or Saishu I. Sugihara, 1933, Kansai Konchu Zasshi, 1: 79, Shikoku, alt. 800-1600 M. Baba, 1935, Mushi, 8: 25, Sado I. Baba, 1946, Mag. Ins. Ecology, 1: 27, Musashi Prov. 1947, Ibid., 2: 18, fig., ♀, Mt. Ontake, Honshu, struggle with *C. kiusiuensis* Santschi. Yoshioka, 1939, Trans. Kansai Ent. Soc., 8: 67, Kiryu, Gumma Prefecture, Honshu. Morishita, 1945, Mushi, 13: 22, 25, southern Hokkaido, northern Honshu. Azuma, 1938, Ent. World, 6: 242, Minoo, Honshu. 1950, Ent. Rev. Japan, 5: 47-48, Pl. 1, fig. 3, ♀, further references.

In the synonymy above, we have tried to give a complete summary of references, particularly those appearing in Japanese journals. The reader should note that all previous records from Kyushu and extreme southwestern Honshu belong to the subspecies *hemichlaena* nov. The typical *obscuripes* ranges from the mountains of Shikoku north to southern Sakhalin and the southern Kuriles; in the west, its range extends to Tsushima in the Strait. The Korean record refers to the form "*atrox*" of *japonicus*, and records of *ligniperdus* or *obscuripes* from Quelpart Island are probably erroneous also.

In color, *obscuripes* usually differs in that the red of the alitrunk and gastric base is lighter and more yellowish than in European *ligniperda*; however, some Japanese specimens are equally dark. Many Japanese specimens show very feeble bluish

metallic reflections on the integument, not seen in the European *ligniperda*. The sculpture and pubescence of the gaster are very similar in the two species, and the prime difference still used is the blackish color of the legs in *obscuripes*. While this is a relatively minor difference, we believe that distributional characteristics force the specific recognition of the Japanese form. Apparently, the true *ligniperda* does not occur in East Asia; at least, it has not been reported in the literature available to us. It is surprising that neither form seems to occur in China or Korea, but our study certainly indicates that this is the case.

*Camponotus obscuripes hemichlaena* subspecies nov.

This subspecies has been included in many former reports of *obscuripes*. For partim synonymy, refer to *C. obscuripes obscuripes*; all previous records from Kyushu and probably some from Honshu refer to *hemichlaena*. Investigation during 1950 indicates that very rarely the typical *obscuripes* occurs in the mountains of Kyushu (Shiiba and Mt. Unzen). We have not yet found *obscuripes obscuripes* individuals in *hemichlaena* nests, or vice versa. The Kyushu populations of typical *obscuripes* may either represent alpine intrusions from the north, or else may be relicts of an original and uniformly typical *obscuripes* population dating from glacial times. The situation with regard to intergrades not being clear as yet, it is impossible to determine with complete finality whether *hemichlaena* is a good species, a geographical race, or possibly even a mere ecotype. Since we have scant reason to consider the black prothorax as other than a well fixed genetic character, and taking into account the distributional evidence, we feel that *hemichlaena* is best considered a subspecies for the present. For a good figure of the new subspecies, see the reference of Yano, 1932, in Icon. Ins. Japan, Hokuryukan, p. 328; localities cited are incorrect except for Kyushu and possibly southern Honshu; as *C. herculeanus* var. *obscuripes*.

*Worker* (Holotype and paratypes): With the characters of typical *obscuripes*, and varying similarly in depth of the red of alitrunk and gastric base. The only difference noted is that *hemichlaena* has the entire prothorax black, whereas in the typical form, the prothorax is concolorous with the rest of the alitrunk or only slightly darker. Color best seen in alcohol.

*Holotype* [Entomological Laboratory, Kyushu University] 13. ix. 1939, Hikosan, Prov. Buzen, Kyushû, K. Yasumatsu leg.

124 *Paratypes*: [Museum of Comparative Zoology; U. S. National Museum; Entomological Laboratory, Kyushû University] see under distribution below.

*Distribution*: Kyushu and extreme southwestern Honshu, where it almost completely replaces *obscuripes obscuripes*. No intergrades between the two subspecies have yet been found, but they should occur in the junction zone in southern Honshu.

*Localities*: Honshu-Tsudamura, Prov. Aki; Gokurakujiyama, Prov. Aki; Taishakukyo, Prov. Aki. Kyushu-Sobosan, Prov. Bungo; Ichibusayama, Prov. Higo; Handa-plateau, Prov. Bungo; Kirishimayama, Prov. Osumi; Taradake, Prov. Hizen; Kuboteyama, Prov. Buzen; Inugatake, Prov. Buzen; Hikosan, Prov. Buzen; Inunakiyama, Prov. Chikuzen; Wakasugiyama, Prov. Chikuzen; Homansan, Prov. Chikuzen; Yakushima Island.

The nests are normally built in logs and stumps of conifers, especially pine and cryptomeria, in rather shady places. Sometimes the nests are made in the timbers of old buildings. Yasumatsu observed injury to timbers at the Hikosan Meteorological Observatory in 1937.

#### *Camponotus yessensis* Teranishi (Change of status)

*Camponotus helcureanus* [sic] *vagus* var. *yessensis* Teranishi, 1940, in Posthumous Section of Teranishi Memorial Volume, p. 72, ♀, original description, Hokkaido.

*Camponotus herculeanus vagus* var. *yessensis* Morishita, 1941, Mushi, **13**: 93; records from Honshu: Mt. Yakushidake, 400 M.; Mt. Hayachine, 550 M.; Kadoiri, Minoo District, 400 M.; Sugo, Yamashiro Prov., 360 M. Yasumatsu, 1941, Mushi, **13**: 96; record from Kyushu: Hikosan, 700-800 M.

This species is quite certainly a distinct species not very closely related to any other Japanese *Camponotus*; it is only superficially similar to *C. vagus* from southern Europe. The closest relationship is with *C. laevigatus* F. Smith from western North America, but *yessensis* is distinct from this species by pilosity and sculptural characters. Teranishi's species has very abundant fine, dense, erect pilosity over the entire dorsum of head and body and on antennal scapes and legs. True pubescence is nearly or quite absent from the gastric dorsum. The entire insect is black, nearly smooth and distinctly shining. Apparently it is widely distributed in the mountains of Japan at moderate eleva-

tions. The nests are built in rather dry logs and stumps, probably in situations similar to those in which *laevigatus* occurs in America.

*Camponotus formosensis* Wheeler (Change of status)

- Camponotus maculatus taylori* var. *formosae* Wheeler, 1909, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., **26**: 336, worker, original description, Formosa. Yano, 1910, Zool. Mag., Tokyo, **22**: 422, Formosa.
- Camponotus herculeanus* r. *punctatissimus* Forel (?), 1913, Arch. Natur., **79**: 200, worker, Formosa.
- Camponotus barbatus albosparsa* var. *formosae* Emery, 1929, Gen. Ins., **183**: 93, Formosa.
- Camponotus punctatissimus formosensis* Wheeler, 1929, Bol. Lab. Zool. gen. agr., Portici, **24**: 62. Taihoku. Sonan, 1939, Memorial Volume, 30 Years Anniversary of the Taiwan Gov. Mus., p. 212, Formosa.
- Camponotus barbatus taylori* var. *formosae* Teranishi, 1940, in Posthumous Section of Teranishi Memorial Volume, p. 60, Formosa.

A review of the types in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University of this form and of additional specimens, all from Formosa, lead to doubts that *formosensis* can rightly be considered a race of Emery's enigmatic species *punctatissimus* (see under species inquirendae). There are no specimens referred to *punctatissimus* in any of the parts of Wheeler's original collection, and it is extremely doubtful that Wheeler knew any more about Emery's form than appeared in the *punctatissimus* description. If this is correct, we can see little correspondence between the Formosan specimens and the *punctatissimus* description. Emery mentions no unusual pilosity features, which he surely would have done had he been confronted with Wheeler's types.

*Formosensis* has very abundant coarse, yellowish-white erect pilosity on the dorsal surfaces of head and body, and the pubescence is remarkably long and dense, especially conspicuous and forming a closely appressed and slightly waved, anteriorly directed vestiture on the anterior dorsum of the alitrunk. The color is black and the sculpture coarse and opaque. This form appears to represent an extreme development of the tendencies shown by *japonicus*, but *formosensis* is so aberrant that we are forced to consider it a distinct species.

Forel had previously (reference not available) recorded a "*punctatissimus*" from Formosa, though we do not know the basis of his identification and consider it doubtful. Interesting enough,

Emery later (1925) raised *punctatissimus* to specific status, though he did not recharacterize it. The original description would lead one to believe that *punctatissimus* was very close, if not identical with *japonicus*. Until Emery's species has been better described and compared with close relatives, both it and *formosensis* must remain in some doubt. Meanwhile, we propose to consider *formosensis* a distinct species for practical reasons.

### *Species inquirendae*

*Camponotus punctatissimus* Emery

*Camponotus pennsylvanicus* var. *punctatissimus* Emery, 1894, Ann. Mus. Stor. Nat. Genova, 34: 477, ♀, Burma.

*Camponotus punctatissimus* Emery, 1925, Gen. In., Fasc. 183, p. 74, Burma, Tonkin, Formosa [?].

The discussion, see under *C. formosensis* above.

*Camponotus cilicicus* Emery, 1908, Deutsche Ent. Zeitschr., p. 186.

This species was briefly described by Emery, and we know nothing concerning it. Taurus was given as the original locality.

*Camponotus vagus* var. *kodorica* Forel, 1913, Ann. Soc. Ent. Belg., 57: 145, Caucasus.

*Camponotus herculeanus eudokiae* Ruzsky, 1936, Trav. Inst. Sci. Biol. Tomsk, 2: 90, Transbaikalggebiet.

We know this form only through the original reference, which both of us have not seen. If this species really belongs to the *herculeanus* complex, it is very probably just another addition to Ruzsky's already extensive synonymy in this group.

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