

shape. But only *Proatta butteli* has the combination of ridge and tubercle. Another unusual character is the shape of the end of the lancet. This is found in some *Tetramorium* species, *Cardiocondyla elegans*, and in *Proatta butteli*. Thus, these characters, likely to be apomorphic, are shared only by species of *Mayriella* and *Proatta*. In addition, *Proatta butteli* has a similar Y-shaped furcula (likely sympleiomorphy), gonostyli (possible reduction convergence), triangular plate, and a short but piercing sting. Bolton (1994) placed *Mayriella* and *Proatta* in the Stenammini. My analysis of the sting apparatus also indicates a relationship between those genera.

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