
First record of the ant genus *Tatuidris* (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) in Brazil

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Two workers of *Tatuidris tatusia* (Brown & Kempf, 1967) have been collected in a fragment of upland (terra-firme) forest within the campus of the Federal University of Amazonas, in Manaus, Brazil (3°5'36" S; 59°57'52" W), in a single pitfall trap (collector: Evenlyn Pereira Franken; 16-VIII-2001). *T. tatusia* is the only known living species of the ant tribe Agroecomyrmecini, a very old group of ants which, according to Brown & Kempf (1967), was probably widespread during the early Tertiary in the south and north American hemispheres. The species was described from two worker specimens collected in El Salvador (Brown and Kempf 1967). After that few more specimens have been found, four at La Selva Biological Station in Costa Rica (Longino *et al.* 2002) and one in South America, at Parque Nacional Chiribiquete in Colombia (Anonymous 2000).

Our findings extends the known range of this species 1500 km east. Specimens were deposited in the Invertebrate Collection of the Instituto de Pesquisas da Amazônia in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.

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