

Formica prociliata



ID Synopsis: Top of head square. **(A)**Dense erect hairs on pronotum. **(B)**Only two rows of erect hairs on hind tibia.

Similar Species: *Formica obscuriventris*. This species is less hairy and has more than two rows of erect hairs on hind tibia. *F. prociliata*'s pronotum hairiness is unique compared to other *Formica* in the area.

Habitat: Old Fields and shrublands.

Abundance: Seems fairly common in Columbia County but is otherwise unknown from the rest of New York or New England.

Etc: Can make huge colonies that are evident from large circular areas of dead vegetation. Previously only recorded from Ohio and Iowa.

