

Lasius murphyi



ID Synopsis: (A) Rounded propodeum with dense erect hairs. Hairs more dense on propodeum than anywhere else. (B) Blunt petiole. Smells like citronella when disturbed. (C) Queens with dense matted body hair.

Similar Species: Other citronella *Lasius*, especially *Lasius latipes*. Propodeum pilosity distinguishes the two.

Abundance: Rare, known from one site. IUCN vulnerable species.

Habitat: Old fields, sandy habitats.

Etc: Somewhat Southern species. Several records on Long Island and surrounding area, including Bronxville NY. Scattered records out west.

