

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.

