

The identity of the specimens from Banka has still to be substantiated, as the soldiers in the single proper sample at hand have a rather elongated head. But this appears to be a doubtful characteristic for separating species, as the ratio between the length and width of the soldier's head shows considerable variation in different colonies all from the same host — teak — in the main area of distribution in Java (KALSHOVEN 1930). The Banka colony in question consisted of some 1100 specimens originally.

**Hosts.** During the investigations in Java before 1930, well established colonies of *tectonae* were found in a dozen host trees of different botanical affinities, in addition to teak, and small or initial colonies in another dozen hosts. It is not surprising therefore that in Sumatra some further hosts have been observed which appear to be suitable for a full development of the colonies. The occurrence of the teak trunk termite in *Tetrameristra* was mentioned in an annual plant pests report (KALSHOVEN 1936).

It may be expected that further investigations will disclose still more host timbers of the species.

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**Formica exsecta** Nyl. Bij Wierden in het Vossenbos werd door mij op 9 juni 1959 een nest van *F. exsecta* gevonden. Dit is de eerste vondst van deze boreo-alpine soort in het subcentreurop district.

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**Verzoek.** Zo spoedig mogelijk opgaven van afwijkende data van Lasiocampidae, Drepanidae, Cymatophoridae en Nolidae en alle U bekende vindplaatsen van *Habrosyne pyritoides* Hufn., *Thyatira batis* L. en *Tethea* or Schiff. Bij voorbaat dank.

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