

Ants of the Genus *Trichomyrmex* Mayr, 1865 (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) in the Arabian Peninsula, with Description of Two New Species

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Abstract : The ant genus *Trichomyrmex* Mayr is revised for the Arabian Peninsula based on the worker caste. Nine species are recognized and descriptions of two new species, *T. almosayari* sp. n. and *T. shakeri* sp. n. from Riyadh Province, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) are given. A key to species and diagnostic characters of the treated species are presented. New country records are presented, *T. abyssinicus* (Forel) for the KSA and *T. destructor* (Jerdon) and *T. mayri* (Forel) for the State of Qatar. New distribution records for *T. destructor* (Jerdon) and *T. mayri* (Forel) in the KSA are provided. Regional and world distributions, and distribution maps for the treated species are included. Ecological and biological data are given where known.

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