

## NEW GENERAL CATALOGUE OF THE ANTS OF THE WORLD.

### COLOUR-CODE PROTOCOL FOR INITIAL ENTRIES OF NAMES.

Names of taxa of any rank and status that are preceded by the symbol \* are fossil forms.

**RED BOLD ROMAN** (upper case): currently valid names in the family-group.

**RED BOLD ITALIC** (upper case): currently valid names of genus rank.

**Red bold italic** (lower case): currently valid names of species rank.

**BLUE BOLD ITALIC** (upper case): currently valid names of subgenus rank.

**Blue bold italic** (lower case): currently valid names of subspecies rank.

[Note that names of taxa at subgenus and subspecies rank are also prefixed by the symbol #.]

**BLACK ROMAN** (upper case): names in the family-group that are currently junior synonyms.

**BLACK ITALIC** (upper case): names in the genus-group that are currently junior synonyms.

**Black italic** (lower case): names in the species-group that are currently junior synonyms, and names in the species-group that have been transferred out of their original combinations.

**PURPLE ROMAN** (upper case): unavailable names, *nomina nuda* and incorrect subsequent spellings in the family-group.

**PURPLE ITALIC** (upper case): unavailable names, *nomina nuda* and incorrect subsequent spellings in the genus-group.

**Purple italic** (lower case): unavailable names, *nomina nuda* and incorrect subsequent spellings in the species-group.

**GREEN BOLD ITALIC** (upper case): available names in the genus-group of unidentifiable taxa, collective group names and names excluded from Formicidae.

**Green bold italic** (lower case): available names in the species-group of unidentifiable taxa, members of collective groups and names excluded from Formicidae.

**BROWN BOLD ITALIC** (upper case): unresolved junior homonyms in the genus-group that are not currently in synonymy.

**Brown bold italic** (lower case): unresolved junior homonyms in the species-group that are not currently in synonymy.

Try the catalogue; the colour system is not as complicated as it may seem from the above.