# 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.