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Tab.S1: Data of all the nests, colonies and specimens of *Hylomyrma primavesi* collected and/or observed in Minas Gerais, Brazil and the larval measurements. (separate .csv file)



Fig.S1: Part of a colony of *Hylomyrma reitteri* collected in Florianópolis, Brazil, containing only two workers with brood. Photo by Philipp Hönle.



Fig.S2: Workers of *Hylomyrma* aff. *montana* from the same nest collected among the rotten leaves on the forest floor in Ecuador. Photo by Philipp Hönle.



Fig.S3: Worker of *Hylomyrma* aff. *montana* carrying another worker from the same nest collected among the rotten leaves on the forest floor in Ecuador. Photo by Philipp Hönle.

Videos.S1 - 2: Foraging workers of *Hylomyrma primavesi* from nests 4 (S1) and 11 (S2) returning to their nest after accepting the crumbs of cream crackers offered to them in Minas Gerais, Brazil. Videos by M.A.U. (separate .mp4 file)

Video.S3: Foraging workers of *Hylomyrma primavesi* from nest 5 at the only time they were observed exploring together in Minas Gerais, Brazil. Video by M.A.U. (separate .mp4 file)