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***Hypoponera punctatissima* (Roger) (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) in South-East London.**—I found a single worker of this unusual ant under the loose bark of a sun-baked poplar log in Nunhead Cemetery, (VC 17, Surrey) on 23.x.1996. Despite further searching, it remained a lone specimen. Although often associated with conservatories, bakehouses and other heated buildings, *Hypoponera* is occasionally taken out of doors. According to Bolton & Collingwood (1975), it is widespread but sporadic and because of its uncertain endemicity it was not included by Falk (1991), however records “in the field” are rare. Such records are usually alate females, presumably dispersing and looking for new nest sites; indeed, Saunders (1896) caught one such female at Bromley, Kent, not above half a dozen miles from Nunhead. The fact that my specimen was a worker suggests that a “wild” colony was successful in this case. However, the naturalness of Nunhead Cemetery is debatable, and although it closely resembles a 50-acre woodland, it is surrounded by suburban London and any number of heated buildings from which the species might have ventured.—RICHARD A. JONES, 13 Bellwood Road, Nunhead, London SE15 3DE.

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