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I have just received from Dr. E. P. Felt a couple of specimens of *Osmia*, collected at Karner, N. Y., June 24, 1902. Dr. Felt writes that he has reared a parasite from the species, and is anxious to know its name. It proves to be new, and may be described as follows:

*Osmia felti* n. sp.

♀. Length about 12-13 mm.; head and thorax strongly and closely punctured, dark blue, suffused with green, especially on supraclepal area, front, mesothorax, scutellums and metathorax; head rather large, broad, cheeks large and swollen; clypeus normal, very densely punctured, with the lower margin black, smooth and shining, straight, without teeth or emargination; mandibles thick, tridentate; antennae black, scape punctured; no distinct malar space; hair of head and thorax above white, with a faint creamy tinge; a little fuscous hair about ocelli; hair of face white, but of clypeus largely or moderately mixed with dark fuscous; lower part of cheeks with some fuscous hair; hair of thorax nowhere mixed with dark, that of pleura, metathorax etc. all white; area of metathorax wholly dull, granular, faintly rugulose at base; tegulae shining piceous; wings strongly brownish infuscated; b. n. going basad of t. m.; legs black, not even the hind coxae metallic; middle femora swollen and obtusely angulate below; hair of hind tarsi dark fuscous; abdomen shining, rather sparsely punctured, dark steel blue, with white hair on first segment, very short thin fuscous hair on the others, and a slight fringe of minute shining hairs (not making a visible band) on the third and following segments; sides with some white hair; ventral scopa black; last dorsal segment with appressed pale yellowish hair.

In all things this is very close to *O. densa* Cresson, but *densa* has much long coarse black hair on the face and front, the dark hair of the abdomen is longer and more evident, while the shining red or pale hair so evident on the middle basitarsus of *densa* is scarcely or not developed in *felti*.

The type locality of *O. densa* is Pike’s Peak, Colorado. It extends thence northward to Washington State. *O. felti* might be regarded as a geographical race or sub-species, but even so it would deserve recognition.