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Termite Prey of some African Ants

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The most extensive account of ants preying on termites is that by Wheeler (1936). Several more recent records of African termites fed by ants to their larvae appeared in Weber (1948). That year Professor A. E. Emerson of the University of Chicago and I were independently collecting in Africa. Some of the 1948 termite-ant records appeared in Weber, 1949a, 1949b, 1950 and 1952.

The ants taken by Professor Emerson with termites, mostly in the former Belgian Congo (now the Republic of the Congo), were sent to me together with his determination of the termites. These unpublished records, together with several of mine, appear below arranged according to the ants.

Megaponera foetens (Fabr.)

All accounts of this large, black African ant indicate that it is peculiarly a predator of termites. The following records by Dr. Emerson, all from the former Belgian Congo, are the most extensive for identified termites.

"Returning from raid in forest carrying *Odontotermes sladeni* Emerson, and *Microtermes calvus* Emerson, Yangambi, 30.v.48.

About 150 seen massing in leaf debris where they collected small *Protermes*; dead soldiers about. Camp Putnam, Epulu, 14.v.48.