

Wheeler's first five papers on ants were published in 1900; four of them dealt with Texan species. He left Texas in 1903 but continued the study of ants until his death in 1937.

The type localities for one genus, 75 species, and 10 subspecies are located in Texas. Wheeler is the author of 42 of these species and 8 of the subspecies. For half of the species and all of the subspecies the type locality was Austin (or Travis County).

### COMPARATIVE NOTES

To us it is interesting to compare the ant fauna of Texas and North Dakota for two reasons: 1) North Dakota is the most northern state directly north of most of Texas and 2) we have studied the North Dakota fauna intensively. Of course Texas has more species, but only 2.4 times as many. [The difference would probably be greater, if Texas had been studied as intensively as North Dakota.] Considering the greater advantages of Texas the differences should be much greater; 1) Texas area is nearly four times as large; 2) the latitude; 3) the topography (North Dakota has no relief greater than 700 ft., Texas has mountains); 4) flora (North Dakota has 1143 species; Texas, 4839). See Table 1.

Table 1. Comparison of the ant faunas of Texas and North Dakota.

Subfamily	Tribes		Genera		Species	
	Texas	N. Dak.	Texas	N. Dak.	Texas	N. Dak.
Ponerinae	6	1	10	1	14	1
Cerapachyinae	2	—	2	—	3	—
Dorylinae	1	—	3	—	17	—
Pseudomyrmecinae	1	—	1	—	5	—
Myrmicinae	12	5	25	10	117	23
Dolichoderinae	1	2	5	4	8	5
Formicinae	3	3	9	7	46	58
TOTALS	26	11	55	22	210	87

Then there are some qualitative differences worth noting. The commonest genus in North Dakota is *Formica*, both in species (34) and in individuals. In fact we have called the state Formicaland. In second and third places stand *Lasius* with eight species and *Myrmica* with six. In contrast Texas has eight species of *Formica*, none of which can be called common or widely distributed in the state. *F. perpilosa* has been recorded from five counties, *F. pallidefulva* from eight, *F. schaufussi* from five, *F. gnava* from eight, *F. neorufibarbis* from two (one record in each), *F. neogagates*, *F. neoclara* and *F. puberula* each with one record in one county. For *Lasius* there is only one record for the state. For *Myrmica*