

*M. smithi* var. *trinidadensis* Weber (NAW). — Haiti: Diquini (W. M. Mann) (MCZ). — Dominican Republic: S. Lorenzo (s. coll.) (MCZ). — Puerto Rico: Utuado (W. M. Wheeler) syntypes of *M. smithi* var. *borinquenensis* Wheeler (MCZ). — Cuba: Aspiro Rangel, Pinar del Rio (A. Bierig) (CTB), Bolondron (W. M. Wheeler) (MCZ), Cayajabos (A. Bierig) (CTB). — Costa Rica: Bataan (N. A. Weber) (NAW). — Mexico, Jalisco: Tuxpan (McClendon) syntypes of *M. smithi* var. *tolteca* Wheeler (MCZ). — *Females*. — Brazil, Rio de Janeiro: Mendes (H. Eidmann) syntypes of *Trachymyrmex attaxenus* Menozzi (CTB); Baía: Uruçuca (G. Bondar) syntype of *M. reconditus* Borgmeier (CTB); Mato Grosso: Jardim (R. Mueller). — Bolivia: S. Gregorio (W. M. Mann) holotype of *M. manni* Weber (NAW). — Surinam: Paramaribo (D. C. Geijskes) (CTB). — *Males*. — Brazil, São Paulo: Rio Claro (W. E. Kerr). (All specimens in WWK unless noted otherwise).

*Synonymy*. — All the forms herewith placed into synonymy of *smithi* are briefly discussed in the following. These comments will also show the range of infraspecific variation of the present species.

1. *M. smithi* var. *borinquenensis* Wheeler, 1907, worker. — Syntypes from Utuado, Puerto Rico, seen. The main distinguishing feature of this form is said to consist in the presence of a small tooth on each side of the occipital furrow at the postero-median border of the head. This character, which is here indeed well-developed, also occurs occasionally in specimens from other often distant localities and is not apt to circumscribe a taxonomically valid form.

2. *M. smithi* var. *tolteca* Wheeler, 1907, worker. — Syntypes from Tuxpan, Jalisco, Mexico, seen. They are of a slightly lighter, yellowish color, have the posterior epinotal spines more acute and upright, a feebler cephalic sculpture; the small denticles flanking the midoccipital furrow in the preceding variant are here substituted by low and pointed ridges. However, none of these characters is significant.

3. *M. smithi* var. *eucarnitae* Forel, 1913, worker. — Types from Santiago de Cuba not seen. According to the description they are of somewhat larger size, have longer promesonotal spines, the anterior pronotal ones being as long as those of the mesonotum. Teeth flanking the midoccipital furrow as in var. *borinquenensis*. Several Cuban specimens examined, although not visibly disagreeing with the afore mentioned diagnosis, do not vouch for the existence of a particular geographical race on that island. Hence *eucarnitae* is just a plain synonym of *smithi*.

4. *Trachymyrmex attaxenus* Menozzi i. litt., worker and female. — The paper by Menozzi supposed to contain the formal proposition of this species never appeared in print. The name was published by Eidmann (1936), who also figured both the worker and the female and gave an important account of the biology of this ant. Syntypes, received by Borgmeier from Eidmann, proved on examination that this is nothing but the common and widespread *M. smithi*.

5. *M. reconditus* Borgmeier, 1937, worker and female. — Syntypes examined. In the original diagnosis this species is differentiated from *obsoletus* according to the description and figures of the latter. The