

and *acasta* originated in the same series of specimens of the Wallace collection. I have also examined the type of *diaphanta* F. Smith and find it to be very close to and probably inseparable from *saevisissima*.

Polyrhachis zopyra F. Smith.

Polyrhachis zopyrus F. Smith, 1861: 43 pl. 1 fig. 22. Holotype worker. SULAWESI: Tondano (*A. R. Wallace*) (UM, Oxford) [examined].

Polyrhachis (Myrma) moorei Donisthorpe, 1941b: 208. Holotype worker. PHILIPPINES: Luzon Island, Baguio, Waterfall Valley, under stone, 17.ii.1920 (*A. Moore*) (BMNH) [examined]. **Syn. n.**

The two types are very similar; *zopyra* is slightly more stoutly built with a broader and somewhat thicker petiole scale and with the lateral margination of the propodeum rather better defined than in *moorei*. On the other hand *moorei* has slightly thicker pronotal teeth and the pubescence is dense and fine over the entire dorsal surface of the specimen. It is not so dense in *zopyra*, but where it does occur it is apparent that much of the pubescence has been lost and the specimen when fresh was probably just as densely pubescent as the type of *moorei*. The anterior clypeal margin in *zopyra* is irregular medially whilst that of *moorei* is quite regularly arcuate apart from a small median impression. In spite of this and in view of the otherwise marked similarities of the two I am satisfied that the two names represent only a single species.

SYNOPSIS

Twenty-six new synonyms and one new name are proposed in the ant genus *Polyrhachis* F. Smith. Older synonyms are given where applicable and details of variation of the species are noted in some cases.

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