

Atta testacea F. Smith, 1858b:168, soldier ♀. Type loc.: Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. *N. syn.*

The type pin, with label "53/81," is in the British Museum. I compared it hastily with specimens of *Pheidole megacephala* from Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, with which it was found to be nearly identical. I have asked Barry Bolton to check the identity of the *P. testacea* type once more, and he agrees that this species is the same as the tropicopolitan *P. megacephala*.

Specimens in the British Museum bearing the label "88/10," found with the label, "*Pheidole omnivora* Kirby," from Fernando Noronha Island in the South Atlantic, are also *P. megacephala*. I have been unable to locate any *Pheidole omnivora* described by Kirby in the literature.

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