



Fig. 3. *Atta texana*. Photograph of various sizes of mature worker larvae, from a nest in Alexandria, Louisiana, courtesy of Dr. John C. Moser.

middle and decreasing slightly and equally toward each end; dorsal profile extremely long, C-shaped; ventral profile short and concave; head on the ventral surface, at a considerable distance from the anterior end; anus ventral, at a considerable distance from the posterior end, with a prominent posterior lip). Leg and wing vestiges distinct. No differentiated somites. All spiracles small, mesothoracic largest. Entire integument spinulose, all spinules minute; in short rows on the venter of the anterior somites and on all surfaces of posterior somites, isolated elsewhere. Only 4 body hairs; simple; 2 on the venter of T1, about 0.025 mm long, 2 on venter of AX, about 0.075 mm long. Head very small; cranium subtrapezoidal, broadest dorsally; short bars extend from the cranium into the prothorax. Antennae with 3 small sensilla each, each with a small spinule. Head hairs numerous, simple, short (0.025–0.75 mm long). Labrum parabolic, small; all surfaces covered with minute spinules, the spinules isolated except for a few in rows on the posterior surface; anterior surface with 4 minute hairs (about 0.013 mm long) near the dorsal border. Mandibles large, attiform (i.e., broad, short, stout; apical portion abruptly attenuated and curved