

Polyergus lucidus



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ID Synopsis: All red, shiny. **(A)**Sickle shaped mandibles. Enslaves *Formica incerta*.

Similar Species: May be confused with *Formica* species but color and mandibles are distinctive for the genus. Most easily confused with other *Polyergus* species. Pilosity on head, shininess, and host species are diagnostic. This is the only *Polyergus* sp. we have found so far.

Habitat: Open habitats.

Abundance: Locally rare. One record from a cemetery.

Etc: IUCN vulnerable species. Goes on slave raids on warm late afternoons in summer.

