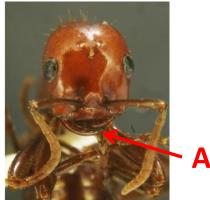
## **Polyergus lucidus**





**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.



