

SOLENOPSIS INVICTA – YES, SOLENOPSIS WAGNERI – NO!

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In December 1997, Steven O. Shattuck, Sanford D. Porter and Daniel P. Wojcik formally applied to the International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature to conserve the name *Solenopsis invicta* and suppress the name *Solenopsis wagneri* for the Red Imported Fire Ant. That application was published in March 1999. In September 1999, Drs. Walter R. Tschinkel, Edward O. Wilson, and S. B. Vinson wrote in support of this application and Stephen W. Taber wrote in opposition. In June 2001, the Commission formally approved this application by a 20-2 vote. Editors and others unaware of this decision should be referred to: International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature. 2001. Opinion 1976. *Solenopsis invicta* Buren 1972. (Insecta, Hymenoptera): specific name conserved. Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature 58:156-157.