

Reinstatement of *Solenoptera michelii* (Chemsak, 1979) (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Prioninae: Solenopterini) as a valid species

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Abstract

Solenoptera michelii (Chemsak) (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Prioninae) is resurrected from synonymy under *S. thomae* (Linnaeus). Characters and figures are presented to show differences between the two species.

Resumen

Solenoptera michelii (Chemsak) (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Prioninae) es rescatada de sinonimia bajo *S. thomae* (Linnaeus). Se presentan caracteres y figuras demostrando las diferencias entre las especies.

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Introduction

The diurnal prionines of the tribe Solenopterini are widely distributed in the West Indies. Three species are found in Puerto Rico: *Solenoptera bilineata* (Fabricius), *S. thomae* (Linnaeus), and *S. michelii* (Chemsak), although the validity of the last species has been questioned. Galileo and Martins (1993) synonymized *S. michelii* (Chemsak, 1979) with *S. thomae* (Linnaeus).

The senior author has collected and studied Puerto Rican Cerambycidae for over 30 years. About 200 specimens of Puerto Rican *Solenoptera* have been collected and, at present, there are more than 150 specimens in the authors' collection which have been