

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS ANT?

YELLOW CRAZY ANT (YCA)

PROBLEMS THE ANTS CAUSE

Farms other insects that damage crops



Yellow crazy ant (YCA) worker



Can kill small animals like crabs, birds and lizards



Sprays acid. Annoys people in their homes and at work

WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE

- Mostly you see workers, not queens
- Movement is erratic – “crazy”
- Long legs and antennae
- Yellowish brown body
- Workers are 3-5mm long
- Queens are much bigger



YCA worker (smaller) and queen (bigger)

HOW THEY TRAVEL

Hidden in

- Fruit and other food
- Building materials
- Plants and soil
- Rubbish
- Firewood
- Machinery
- Vehicles

IF YOU SEE THESE ANTS or you want more information contact Agriculture or Wildlife Officers, Kiritimati Island or telephone 65264

WHERE THEY LIVE

Build nests in and under places like

- Cracks in houses and buildings
- Leaves, rocks and wood
- Rubbish piles
- Crab burrows
- Machinery
- Roots of trees
- Old coconuts
- Firewood piles