

What ant is that?

A visual guide to common invasive ants of the Pacific Region



Brown Crazy Ant

Description

Black or brown in colour with a slender body, long legs and long antenna. Runs around very quickly

Size

About 5 mm

Scientific name *Paratrechina longicornis*



Tropical Fire Ant

Description

Red or orange in colour with a darker abdomen. Walks around slowly often in trails. Often has bigger and smaller workers. Forms nests in the ground. Can sting people

Size

About 2-5mm

Scientific name *Solenopsis geminata*



Singapore Ant

Description

Very small yellow ant with dark abdomen. Often makes nests found in walls, cracks and crevices. Forages in trails and is slow moving.

Size

Very small 1.5-3mm

Scientific name *Monomorium destructor*



Little Fire Ant

Description

Very small and slow moving yellow ant. This ant has a painful sting. Found on produce and food items

Size

About 1-2mm

Scientific name *Wasmannia auropunctata*



Yellow Crazy Ant

Description

Large ant, yellow in colour with a slender body and long legs. Runs around very quickly. Likes dark or damp places like drains

Size

About 6-8mm

Scientific name *Anoplolepis gracilipes*



Ghost Ant

Description

Small pale coloured ant with light abdomen. Lives in soil and is shy. Often hard to see which is why it is called the ghost ant.

Size

About 2 mm

Scientific name *Tapinoma melanocephalum*

