

## Odorous Ant



This species is a scavenger/predator ant that will eat most household foods, especially those that contain sugar, and other insects. Indoors they will colonize near heat sources or in insulation. In hot and dry situations, nests have been found in house plants and even in the lids of toilets. Outdoors they tend to colonize under rocks and exposed soil. They can trail extensive distances, usually along landscape edges. Colonies range in size from 100-10,000, and house several queens. They are non-aggressive. Queens lay one egg per day. Typical time to adult phase of development is 34-38 days. They range in color from brown to black and range in length from 1/16 to 1/8 inches. Their antennae have 12 segments and are not terminated with a club. The common names "odorous house ant" and "coconut ant" come from the odor the ants produce when crushed, which is very similar to the pungent odor of a coconut.



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