

Ant Pest Control Perth: Identifying Ants

There are many ant species found in and around our homes. A few are more frequently encountered.

Coastal brown ant (Big-headed ant)

- ✓ An introduced species from Africa.
- ✓ Small ginger-brown ants with shiny dark brown abdomens, significantly with two worker castes.
- ✓ Small minor workers 2-3mm long and less numerous major (big head) workers 3.5–4.5mm long.
- ✓ Multiple queens with interconnected nests.
- ✓ Colonies can be enormous.
- ✓ Prefers meat or fat based foods.
- ✓ Will sting but does not cause discomfort to humans.
- ✓ Very active in late summer and autumn.
- ✓ Well adapted to nesting under building surrounds.



White footed house ant

- ✓ Black with pale segments (not obvious) on its legs.
- ✓ Abdomen is heart shaped when viewed from above.
- ✓ 2.5 - 3mm long.
- ✓ Nests on outdoors around paths and rockeries or within buildings in wall voids or behind cupboards or skirting etc.
- ✓ Sometimes behind electrical switches.
- ✓ Varied feeding habits but is attracted by sugary foods.
- ✓ Common in urban areas.



Bulldog ant

- ✓ Red or black 18-20mm long.
- ✓ Characteristic large eyes.
- ✓ Nests outdoors in soil or under logs and rocks.
- ✓ Nests are usually large and obvious, often with multiple entries.
- ✓ Eats insects, seeds, fruit, honeydew and nectar.
- ✓ Very aggressive and can inflict a very painful sting.
- ✓ More common in rural or semi rural areas.



Meat Ant

- ✓ Red and black. 13-14mm long.
- ✓ Generally single large nests often topped with gravel.
- ✓ Eats animal materials and honeydew from sap sucking or other sugar producing insects.
- ✓ Produces a pungent odour when disturbed.
- ✓ Very aggressive and will bite but does not sting.
- ✓ More common in rural or semi rural areas.



If you would like more information or you would like to book an **Ant Treatment** contact us today on 08 9443 9880 or email us at admin@termico.com.au