

Pharaoh Ant (*Monomorium pharaonis*) Profile



Pest Status

- First discovered in Australia in 1850's (origin: west Africa).
- It has now been introduced to virtually every area of the world.
- Notorious for infesting hospitals and aged-care facilities, where it is considered a health risk.
- Known to be one of the hardest ant species to manage.

Description

- Small (1.5 - 2.4mm long). Golden yellow to red in colour, with black markings on the top of the abdomen (gaster).
- Single sized workers (monomorphic).
- No bite or sting. Has a non-functional stinger.
- No odour when crushed.

Nesting

- Nests in household/building structures in any available cavity.
- Large colonies, with many queens (polygynous).
- Disperse by budding - often spreading throughout large buildings.

Feeding

- Prefers high protein foods such as meat but has a generalist diet.
- Will forage externally in large populations.

Treatment (IPM approach):

- Baiting indoors.
- Building perimeter (liquid) also useful in large buildings.
- Hygiene & exclusion.

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