

Funnel Ant (*Aphaenogaster* spp.) Profile



Pest Status

- Native to Australia (8 species).
- Unsightly on lawns (bad for mower blades).
- Major problem on golf courses.
- Extensive excavations can cause safety issue with horse riders.

Description

- Medium size (3 - 5mm long).
- Tan to honey-brown in colour.
- Distinctive long slender legs.
- Varying sized workers (polymorphic).
- Has a painful sting.

Nesting

- Nest below ground.
- Named for their funnel shaped nest entrance which are built after heavy rainfall.
- Single queen per colony (monogynous).

Feeding

- Generalist feeder (plant and animal).
- They tend aphids on plant roots.
- Beetles and other animals fall into their funnels.
- Nocturnal foragers.

Treatment (*IPM approach*):

- Direct nest application (liquid and/or granules).

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