

Green-head Ant (*Rhytidoponera metallica*) Profile



Pest Status

- Native to Australia.
- One of the most abundant and widespread ant in Australia.
- Not an indoor pest and only a problem is the painful sting.

Description

- Medium (5 - 7mm long).
- Metallic green-blue to a green-purple in colour.
- Single sized workers (monomorphic).
- Queen is hard to distinguish from workers.
- Has a painful sting.

Nesting

- Nest below ground.
- Untidy nest entrance.
- Multi queen per colony (polygynous).
- Can bud off to form new colony.

Feeding

- Broad ranging diet.
- Prefer protein (insects & small animals) but also scavenges seeds.
- Forage during the day (diurnal).

Treatment (*IPM approach*):

- Bait where found foraging and around nest entrance.
- Direct nest application (liquid and/or granules).

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