

Small False Honey Ant

Size: Workers are 1/16 –1/8" long.
Queens are 1/8" long.



Description:

- Colour is yellowish to blackish brown at abdomen.
- Antenna are 12 segmented with no clubs.
- Thorax slender – pinched in middle appearance - no spines.
- Pedicel is 1 segmented.
- Body covered in numerous short hairs with anal end surrounded by circlet of hairs.
- Stinger is absent.

Habits & Signs of Infestation: Honey Ants prefer shady, moist areas in soil. Colonies are very small in size with layer galleries. These ants are very cold tolerant. Foraging mostly at night during cool, rainy periods. During hot, dry summer months they shut down above ground foraging for 1-2 months until high humidity or cooler temperatures develop again. Outdoor colonies are very dependent of honeydew, and regularly tend to honeydew producing insects. If this ant is found inside, they enter and emerge through ground level cracks in home structures and forage for sugar and starch related foods.

Control: Thorough inspection, positive identification and location of specific interior and exterior ant nest openings is required. Treatments are to be directly into nest openings, along worker foraging trails and perimeter of house and into honeydew related plants.

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