

Pest Bio

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Pavement Ants



Pavement Ants often excavate underground nests on the pavement cracks with recognizable soil piles on the pavement.

Pavement ants usually swarm in late spring and early summer, they mate and then the queens burrow into the soil where they lay eggs. Although pavement ants have a stinger, they are rarely aggressive towards humans. Pavement Ants are known intermediate hosts of two poultry tapeworms so people who have chickens should keep a look out for these small invaders. Pavement ants protect aphids because they use their honeydew excrement as food.

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DIET

Pavement Ants are foragers and have a generalists diet. Their diet includes arthropods, honeydew, seeds, and pollen.

HABITAT

In addition to nesting on pavement cracks colonies can also be found under objects laying on the ground like stones, logs, concrete slabs and under mulch in landscaping. They favor an unurban area

BEHAVIOR

Pavement ants form large colonies often containing over 10,000 workers. Pavement ants will fight for control over territory with other ant colonies.

Pavement Ant Facts:

Size: 1/6"

Shape: Long/Narrow

Color: Dark Brown to Black

Legs: 6

Wings: Some

Antenna: Yes

Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Pylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Hymenoptera

Family:

-Formicidae

Genus:

-Tetramorium