

# Pest Bio

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## Carpenter Ants



Carpenter Ants don't actually eat wood and a Queen Carpenter Ant can live up to 25 years!

Occasionally, swarms of winged carpenter ant reproductives will emerge inside a home. Carpenter ant swarms usually occur in the spring and are a sure sign that a colony is nesting somewhere inside the structure. Carpenter ants damage wood by hollowing it out for nesting. They excavate galleries in wood giving them a smooth, sandpapered appearance. Wood that has been damaged by carpenter ants contain no mud like material. Carpenter ants nest in both moist and dry wood.

**Call Barrier for help managing Carpenter Ants**

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### DIET

Outdoors they feed on living and dead insects, honeydew produced by aphids and scaled insects. Indoors they feed on meats, pet food, syrup, honey, sugar, jelly and other sweets.

### HABITAT

Carpenter ants prefer to nest in moist wood or already damaged by other insects. As a result their nests can usually be found in trees, stumps, windows, chimneys, sink and doorframes.

### BEHAVIOR

Carpenter ants are nocturnal, and can usually be seen emerging from their nest about 15 minutes after sundown. They are fast moving and stop only to feed or share food with other ants.

### Carpenter Ants Facts:

Size: 1/4" - 1/2"

Shape: Long/Narrow

Color: Black

Legs: 6

Wings: Yes (Seasonal)

Antenna: No

### Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Phylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Hymenoptera

Family:

-Formicidae

Genus:

-Camponotus