

Little black ant classification and details

Classification:

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Hymenoptera
Family: Formicidae
Subfamily: Myrmicinae
Tribe: Solenopsidini
Genus: *Monomorium*
Species: *M. minimum*

Common name: Little black ant

Scientific Name: *Monomorium minimum*

Length: 1.5mm.

Color: Brown to black

Some other features:

These ants have many colonies with many queens. They live in the soil, rotten wood or behind baseboards.

Binomial name

Monomorium minimum



General information on ants

Ants generally are very successful groups of insects. They are social insects and they live in colonies which are normally located outside. Ants often enter buildings for shelter and food. Ants feed on many different kind of food but those entering homes are often looking for sweets and protein containing food. Ants of concern in homes include pavement ants, thief ants, little black ants, pharaoh ant, carpenter ants and termites.

In warm summer months, ants can be seen outdoors. Generally in warm months reproductive ants are commonly seen in June or July. A pest control (SPCP) expert should be called if you see ants inside your home.

Food preference:

Comprise of sugar containing foods; eat insects, honeydew, sugary syrups, and protein food sources.

Diseases transmission:

Ants (including little black ant) are attracted to foods such as honey, fruit and meat. They could possibly transmit disease germs from one area to another as they crawl on human food.

Preventative measures.

Good housekeeping habits such as keeping foods in sealed containers and areas free of food. Avoid keeping sugary and protein food in open containers.

Method of elimination:

Superior Pest Control Pros Inc. Have experts that manage and control ant using professional products developed for the control of ants. Sometimes depending on the degree of infestation, a single control measure may not be effective and an integrated program is recommended.

Preparation Guidelines for a Pharaoh Ant Treatment:

In order to achieve control, it may be necessary to treat all rooms of the home as well as outside. Please ensure that access is provided to all areas of the home.

Prior to professional control a thorough cleaning of the infested house, structure, apartment building should be done to remove all food sources for ants. We recommend cleaning of food storage cupboards, floor areas throughout, behind refrigerators and stoves, etc.

SPCP will provide preparation sheet prior to treatment.

Please call SPCP to send professional exterminators for control, we will be happy to help you!



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