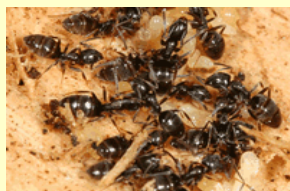


**Pest Control of Ants • Correct Identification**



Whitefooted House Ant



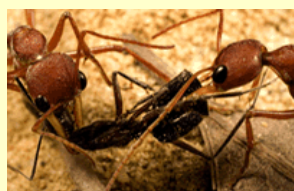
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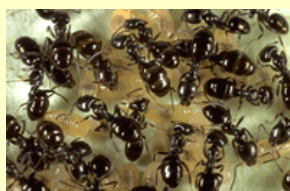
Coastal Brown Ant



Carpenter Ant



Bulldog Ant



Black House Ant



Argentine Ant



Pharaoh's Ant

- **Social insect:** Most ant species are highly developed social insects that live in permanent colony nests, which depending on the species, may be in the soil, in timber, under pavers, and in the wall cavities or roof void spaces of buildings.

- **Every home is vulnerable:** Ants may travel large distances in search of food. Even the cleanest of homes can provide a ready food source for ants which once found can invade in large numbers, such that professional help is required.

- **A nuisance pest:** A few ant species can inflict painful bites, most are a nuisance pest when they infest pantries, kitchens and BBQ areas in large numbers.

- **Summer time** is particularly problematic as the ants are wide spread setting up new nests and colonies, building up their numbers and searching incessantly for food to be stored in their colony nest for the winter months.

- **Identification** of the particular species of ant is vital to implementing a control program. Some species nest in the ground, others more likely find a home in your roof void or wall cavity.

- **Locating the colony nest** is sometimes impossible as they may nest in concealed locations. However, where a nest is found then a synthetic pyrethroid liquid insecticide can be used directly into the burrow into the nest.

**Pest Control Methods • Ant Baiting**

- **Ants inside the home:** we recommend use of **Permethrin** dust for ants nesting inside an enclosed wall cavity, around electrical junction boxes and roof void space of your home.

- **Safer than salt:** **Permethrin** is a natural extract of the pyrethrum plant and is of extremely low toxicity to humans, dogs, cats and other mammals. Permethrin is less toxic than is table salt.

- **Ants take the bait:** In some cases, the use of the IGR (Insect Growth Regulator) ant baits is also recommended. These baits are contained in a sealed plastic dispenser that can be placed near high activity areas. Foraging ants carry and feed

this to other ants in the nest. Effective control may take several weeks.

- **The cost of professional ant control** using the above recommended Permethrin dust and IGR ant baits, will depend upon several factors, including the species of ant, the size of the property, the extent of infestation and ease of access to sub-floor, roof void and other likely nesting sites.

- **Consumer note:** you may find cheaper prices for ant control in your local area, usually from companies using the **cheaper solvent based pesticides** in and around the home, which we do NOT recommend, especially if residents suffer asthma or bronchial ailments.

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