

# Yellow crazy ant

## *Anoplolepis gracilipes*

### STOP THIS INVADER IN THE PACIFIC!

These ants will **cause harm** to you, your crops and your environment. If you find any of these ants, contact your local biosecurity/quarantine

#### KEY FEATURES

Size: 5mm



sprays  
acid



harms  
crops



harms  
people



harms  
wildlife



lives in  
trees



lives on  
ground



night  
active



day  
active



#### What they look like

- movement is fast and erratic – “crazy”
- long legs and antennae
- yellowish brown body
- workers 3–5 mm long
- queens are much larger and bulkier than workers

#### Problems they cause

- kill small animals like crabs, birds and lizards
- sprays acid, annoys people at home and work
- farms other insects that damage crops and trees

#### Where they live

build nests in and under places like:

- cracks in buildings
- leaves, rocks and wood
- rubbish piles
- crab burrows
- machinery
- roots of trees
- decaying coconuts
- firewood piles

#### How they travel

hidden in:

- fruit and other food
- building containers
- plants and soil



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