

Odorous House Ants and Other Nuisance Ants

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There are many species of ants infesting structures. Identification is of prime importance, as each species will have different life cycles, behavior, trails, and nesting sites. Black ants to a homeowner may be several different ants to a trained technician: Little Black Ant, Odorous house ant, or Pavement ants. Other ants encountered around homes include the yellow ants, fire ants, acrobat ants, and others. Correct identification will lead to biology and behavior and ultimately to the proper management strategies.