

Ant Control - Management & Treatment



Penrith Valley Pest Control specialise in Ant Control.

There are more than 8,800 species of Ants, 4-5,000 of the ant species are present in Australia. Ants belong to the family Formicidae, which forms part of the order Hymenoptera. This order of insects also includes bees and wasps.

Although very few are classified as pests, those that are have mostly been accidentally introduced from overseas, known as "vagrant" or "tramp" species. The Singapore ant, coastal brown ant, Argentine ant, white-footed house ant, black house ant and the pharaoh ant are included in the "tramp" species. They are known to infest buildings in search of food and water.

Some ants are environmental pests, when they make mounds, disturb paving or invade buildings including:

- Argentine ant (*Linepithema humile*)
- red imported fire ant (*Solenopsis invicta*)
- crazy ant (*Anoplolepis gracilipes*)
- electric ant (*Wasmannia auropunctatata*)
- big headed ant or coastal brown ant (*Pheidole megacephala*).

Several Native species of Ants have been classified as pests due to the injuries that have inflicted on humans including:

- Australian bulldog ants or bullants - give painful stings - unlike bees, ants can sting multiple times
- Jack jumper or jumper ants - venom can cause a severe allergic reaction - unlike bees, ants can sting multiple times

- Meat ants and green trea ants or green weaver ants - don't sting but bite and then spray formic acid into the wound.

Note: Native Ants are an essential part of our native environment.

All ants are liquid feeders and workers cannot ingest non-liquid substrates. Liquid ant baits appeal to most pest ant feeding preferences. Granular baits provide a means to disperse a bait toxicant in a broader manner, primarily for outdoor foraging ants.

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