

Distinguishing a yellow crazy ant from similar species

Actual size

Yellow crazy ant *Anoplolepis gracilipes*:

- Very long legs and antennae
- Frantic movement when disturbed
- Slender golden body, brown abdomen
- Sprays acid, doesn't bite



Meat ant *Iridomyrmex* spp.:

- Shorter antennae and legs
- Large square head
- Bites but does not spray acid



Green tree ant *Oecophylla smaragdina*:

- Long legs and antennae
- Green abdomen and head
- Sprays acid and also bites



Funnel ant *Aphaenogaster* spp.:

- Shorter legs and antennae
- Brown solid, stocky body



Strobe ant *Opisthopsis* spp.:

- Shorter legs and antennae
- Large abdomen, head and eyes
- Moves in a stop-start (strobe) motion



Carpenter ant *Camponotus* spp.:

- Short legs and antennae
- Large stocky body, often golden or brown



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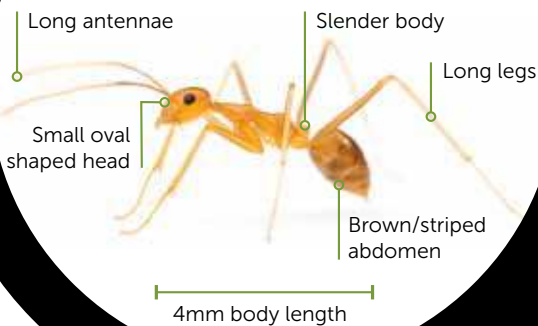
Check your property for yellow crazy ants

If you catch ants that you suspect are yellow crazy ants, call our team on **13 48 10**

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We need your help to recognise and report sightings of yellow crazy ants



- Yellow crazy ants do not bite, but do **spray acid from their abdomen**.
- Yellow crazy ants **move in a quick, frantic 'crazy' manner** when disturbed.
- Yellow crazy ants are **one of the world's worst invasive species**.
- Yellow crazy ants are a **threat to the Wet Tropics environment**.

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