

Fire Ant ID Kit

Fire ants are one of the world's worst invasive species threatening human health, our environment, agriculture and our outdoor way of life.



This kit gives you everything you need to ID and report them.

REPORT FIRE ANTS:

**National Fire Ant
Eradication Program**



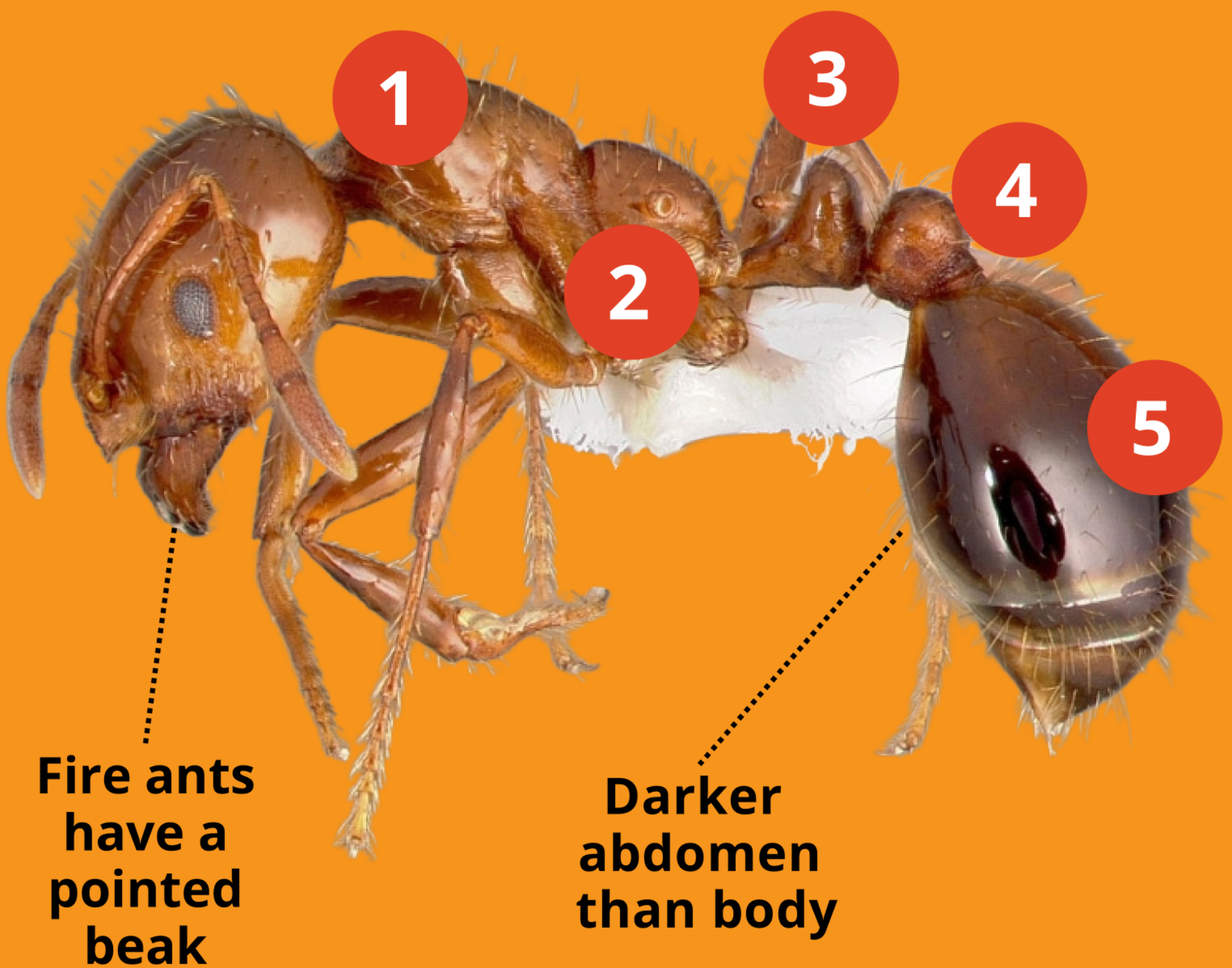
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Features of the fire ant

The coppery brown body of a fire ant has five segments.



FIRE ANT FACT

When disturbed, fire ants will rush to the surface of the nest and swarm.

Fire ant size

**Fire ants are small.
Each ant is only
2 - 6mm long.**



**There will be
multiple-sized fire
ants in one nest.**

Stings



Pus welts



Fire ants have a sting that can leave a burning or itching sensation on the skin.

If you experience symptoms of a severe allergic or anaphylactic reaction to fire ants, call 000 immediately.

Nests

Fire ant nests can appear as dome-shaped mounds or be flat and look like a small patch of disturbed soil.



They are often found in open areas such as lawns, pastures, unused cropland or along roadsides.

Comparison

**Fire ants are similar
in size to some small
native insects.**



Fire ant



Strobe ant



Spiny ant



Meat ant

Transport

Fire ants spread relatively slowly on their own but people moving organic material can spread them further and faster.

- **Manure**
- **Turf**
- **Potted plants**
- **Mulch**
- **Soil**
- **Baled hay or straw**
- **Quarry products**



Fire ants are a problem for everybody in Australia.

These highly invasive ants have the potential to impact the Australian way of life we know and love.

Report potential sightings of fire ants to the National Fire Ant Eradication Program.

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