

LITTLE FIRE ANT 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



Wasmannia auropunctata

Size: 1.5mm



stings



harms
crops



harms
people



harms
wildlife



lives on
ground



lives in
trees



day
active

What they look like

- tiny, look like moving dots
- light orange body
- slow moving
- workers (the ants you see) fall from trees like “stinging rain”
- workers 1.5 mm long
- Queens (live in nests) are much larger than workers

Problems they cause

- kill small animals like crabs, birds & lizards
- painful sting that causes an itchy rash
- can blind domestic animals
- can affect people’s vision if stung in the eye (clouded cornea)
- make it difficult to farm (stinging)
- in high densities they make land uninhabitable

Where they live

build nests in and around places like

- cracks in buildings
- bedding and furniture
- rocks, leaves and twigs
- trees (including high branches) and shrubs
- decaying nuts (e.g. macadamia, coconut)

How they travel

hidden in

- fruit and other food
- plants
- soil, mulch and compost
- luggage
- decaying nuts (e.g. macadamia, coconut)

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