



THE ANT



FACT FILE

These highly organised and social insects are noticeable by their head, thorax and abdomen. With narrow waists and a sharp elbow joint in their antennae, the foraging worker ants march into buildings to search for food to take back to the nest to feed their larvae and queen.

DID YOU KNOW

Flying ants are reproductive males and females who have a nuptial swarming flight for a few days usually in July and August.



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Breeding / Life-cycle

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Flying ants mate in flight after which the female will find a nest for the winter. She then lays her eggs the following spring to start a new colony. The ability to survive through the winter to start a new colony in the spring seems like a massive feat to us for such a tiny insect! The average lifespan of an ant can be anything from several weeks to several years.

Strength

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What can we say?! If anyone has ever seen a tiny army of ants on the march, they can't fail to be impressed. These minute insects have strength in numbers and are fascinating to watch.

Agility

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Ants make complex and vast nests with multiple inaccessible entry points. In the garden, ant nests occupy a much larger volume of soil than the surface excavations might suggest.

Environmental

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The common ant is an important insect and can be found in pretty much every garden across the UK. They are an important part of biodiversity.

Nuisance Factor

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Although impressive in their skills and teamwork, ants are a major nuisance factor. They love sweet foods and will forage in kitchens to find food which they can take back to their nest.

PGM Pest Trumps Rating 7/10

Overall PGM Review

Superpower Teamwork ~ For an ant, it's all about great teamwork. They may be tiny insects but they are mighty team players!

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