

Have you seen fire ants?



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Impacts

- Painful stings and, in rare cases, human death from anaphylactic shock
- Damage to livestock, crops, tourism, gardens, agriculture and electrical equipment
- Harm to pets, wildlife, plants and ecosystems
- Restricted outdoor activities (e.g. backyards, parks and sportsgrounds)

Stings

- Burning, painful and can last up to an hour
- Can form itchy blisters that last up to a week
- May cause an allergic reaction in some people



Size

- Small ants, 2–6 mm
- Various sizes



Fire ants actual size

Nests

- Loose soil, mounds—various sizes
- No visible entry and exit holes
- Can be found under logs, rocks or garden materials



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Colour and characteristics

- Coppery-coloured body with darker abdomen
- Very aggressive and will attack in large numbers

Report suspect ants to Biosecurity Queensland

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www.daff.qld.gov.au/fireants



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