
Pyramid Ant

Dorymyrmex spp.

Foraging Characteristics:

Medium sized, pale orange to dark brown, slender and elongate ant. Foraging singly, moving quickly. Nest is distinctive cone-shaped mound in sandy soil. Ant does not sting or act aggressively. Nests not large. Workers have strong odor when crushed described by some as rotting coconuts.

**Nest Sites & Characteristics:**

Nest in soil, sandy soil preferred. Typically, nest has a single entrance surrounded by crater-shaped mound of soil and a single queen per nest. One dark colored species, however, is a temporary parasite on the most common orange species and occupies a number of nests at a time, with multiple queens.



Diet: Hunt live insects, including winged fire ants. Collect [honeydew](#) from sap-sucking insects.

Detailed Description: 2-4 mm (1/12–1/6 in) long.

[Integument](#) thin.

Twelve-segmented

[antennae](#).

[Propodeum](#)

bearing a tooth-like

[protuberance](#) projecting

vertically in side

view. [Ventral](#) surface of head

with a few very long, curved

hairs, used for carrying

pellets of damp

sand. [Subfamily](#)

[Dolichoderinae](#).

Most Common Complaint:

Crater-like nests in open areas of yard. These ants are outdoor species and chemical control is usually unwarranted.

Flight Season: Fall to spring or some species, year-round for others. Warm and humid weather.

Distribution: Widespread

Origin: Native.



