



Rover Ants

Brachymyrmex spp.

Foraging

Characteristics:

Tiny to small dark brown to pale blond ants. Soft bodied, abdomen covers petiole. May be seen excitedly running up and down vertical objects in yards, such as blades of grass, chairs, and fence posts, accompanied by larger winged individuals. Most often seen as dead, winged alates floating in pools in large numbers; their swollen bodies look striped. Female winged alates are three



Detailed Description:

1.5-2 mm (1/16-1/12 in) long. Integument soft. Nine-segmented antennae. One segmented petiole, node inclined, usually concealed by base of gaster. No sting. Mesoepinotal impression distinct. Epinotum with short base and very long, sloping declivity. Subfamily Formicinae.

Most

Common

Complaints:

Dead alates floating in pools. Males much smaller than female alates and may not even look like ants because of their size and straight antennae.

Males are small enough to penetrate



Dead females on water

mosquito
screening.

Nest Sites & Characteristics: Under stones in the soil, or in rotting wood.

Diet: [Honeydew](#) obtained from sap-sucking insects on the roots of plants.

patio
screening.
Foragers on
outdoor
furniture and
structures.
Control for
alates not
necessary or
practical.

Flight Season: Spring and
summer.

Distribution:
Widespread.

Origin: Both
native and
non-native
species.

