

## Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Harvester Ants

**Scientific Name:** *Pogonomyrmex* spp.

**Order and Family:** Hymenoptera: Formicidae

**Size and Appearance:**

	Length (mm)	Appearance
Egg	>0.5mm	White, elliptical, found within the underground nest.
Larva/Nymph		White, grub-like, found within the underground nest.
Adult	5mm – 6mm	Color varies from red-brown to yellow to black. Under the head, there are many hairs. Antennae have 12 segments and no club.
Pupa (if applicable)		White, look similar to adults, found within the underground nest.

**Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.):** Chewing

**Host plant/s:** Grasses, especially the seeds.

**Description of Damage (larvae and adults):** Grassy areas are cleared around mounds created by the ants. These clearings can be more than 7 meters in diameter, which creates a problem for lawns or golf courses. Trails to and from the nest may also be cleared of grass by the ants.

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