



YELLOW CRAZY ANT

IDENTIFICATION AND ERADICATION

What to do if you spot a Yellow Crazy Ant:

The Yellow Crazy Ant is an invasive ant species that's been found inhabiting areas across Queensland, including the Townsville region - they are a significant environmental and agricultural issue. They are often found in imported soil, fill and mulch, or hiding in pot plants, timber pallets and sometimes machinery.

Yellow Crazy Ants can spread through movement. If you come across a colony, do not disturb the vegetation.

You should also check any fill or mulch before using them around your yard for a possible infestation.

How to identify Yellow Crazy Ants:

- ✓ **long slender body** (5mm body length)
- ✓ very **long legs and antennae**
- ✓ **yellowish-brown or orange-yellow**, with a brown abdomen, sometimes striped
- ✓ similarity to a small green ant (but yellow)
- ✓ **erratic, frantic, crazy movement** (hence its name)
- ✓ ability to forage day and night (they are less active in intense heat and heavy rain)
- ✓ sting using a spray of formic acid (not a bite), that is harmful to humans and pets.

What to do if you spot a Yellow Crazy Ant:

It is important to report any potential sightings to Council so we can inspect, treat and prevent infestations.

Report sightings to enquiries@townsville.qld.gov.au or call **13 48 10**.

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