Townsville residents enjoy a great lifestyle supported by our natural environment. Feral animals and pest plants are non-native species that can affect our lifestyle and cause environmental and economic harm. The Townsville Biosecurity Plan drives local action to reduce the impacts of these pests.

**Critical Species**

**Yellow Crazy Ant**
Anoplolepis Gracilipes

**Impacts**
- Reduces biodiversity by disrupting natural species.
- Insects, amphibians and reptiles are the most affected, however birds, mammals and plants can also be affected.
- Can affect horticultural industries.
- Can cause burning and irritation of skin and eyes of animals and potentially humans.

**Townsville Distribution**
- Three known colonies in the Townsville region - Nome, Mount Saint John and Douglas.

**Management Category**
- Delimit and eradicate.

**Strategic Actions**
- Develop an emergency response plan to guide prevention and eradication actions.
- Survey to clarify distribution of this species, especially at likely entry points.
- Encourage community to report sightings of this species.

**Control**
- A coordinated effort is required to eradicate a super colony, however there are limited food based products registered for Yellow Crazy Ants.