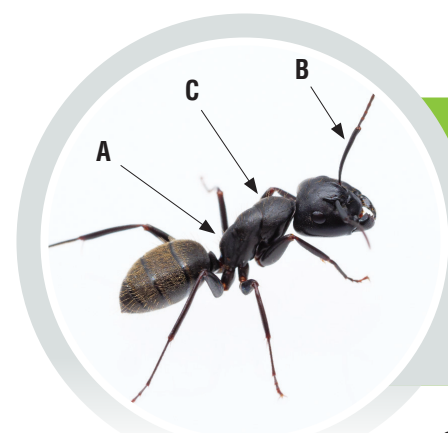


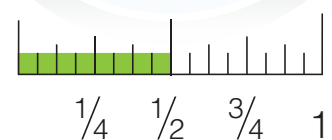
ID YOUR ENEMY

Ants can be difficult to control, but success starts with correct species identification. Distinguish between ants by examining not only size but other key characteristics as well.



Carpenter Ants

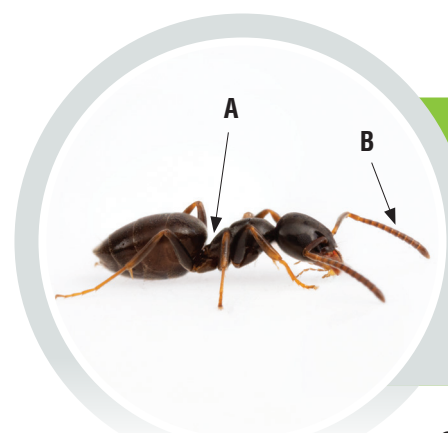
Camponotus spp.



SIZE:
1/4- to 1/2-inch in length

CHARACTERISTICS:

- A** | One node
- B** | Antennae with 12 segments, no club
- C** | Evenly rounded thorax
- > Workers vary in color but are often black or bi-colored red and black



Odorous House Ants

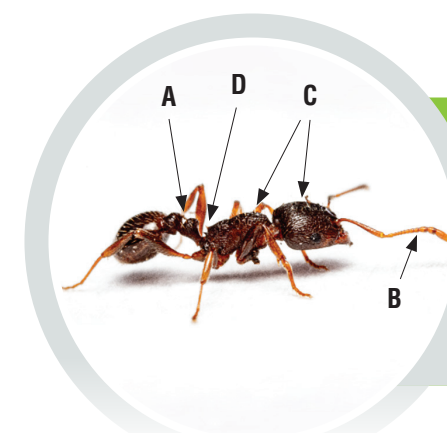
Tapinoma sessile



SIZE:
1/8-inch in length

CHARACTERISTICS:

- A** | One node, flattened and hidden from view
- B** | Antennae with 12 segments, no club
- > Workers are black to brownish black
- > Emit an odor of rotten coconut or blue cheese when crushed



Pavement Ants

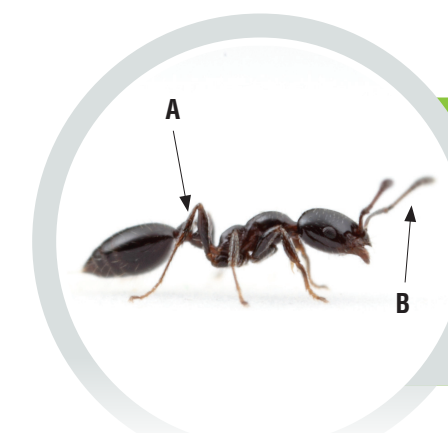
Tetramorium spp.



SIZE:
1/8-inch in length

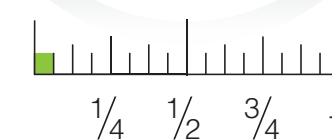
CHARACTERISTICS:

- A** | Two nodes
- B** | Antennae with 12 segments, club with 3 segments
- C** | Head and thorax are sculpted with numerous parallel grooves
- D** | Pair of spines on pronotum
- > Workers are dark brown to black



Little Black Ants

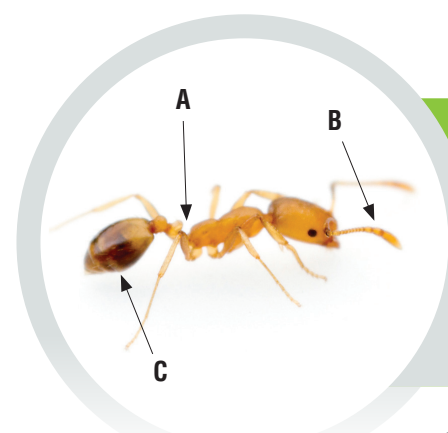
Monomorium minimum



SIZE:
1/16-inch in length

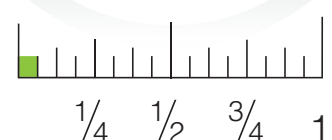
CHARACTERISTICS:

- A** | Two nodes
- B** | Antennae with 12 segments, club with 3 segments
- > Workers are shiny black to brownish black



Pharaoh Ants

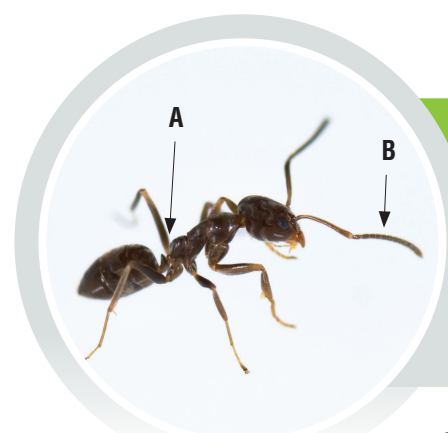
Monomorium pharaonis



SIZE:
1/16-inch in length

CHARACTERISTICS:

- A** | Two nodes
- B** | Antennae with 12 segments, club with 3 segments
- C** | Tip of the abdomen is darkened
- > Workers are yellowish light brown to reddish



Argentine Ants

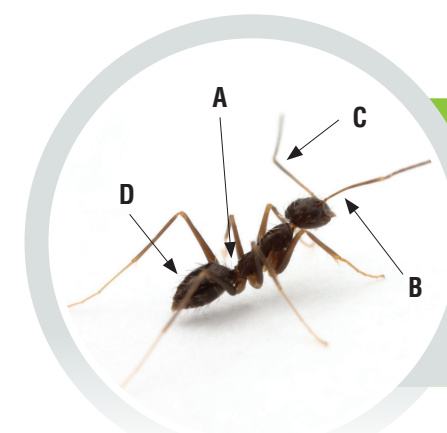
Linepithema humile



SIZE:
1/8-inch in length

CHARACTERISTICS:

- A** | One node
- B** | Antennae with 12 segments, no club
- > Workers are light to dark brown
- > Emit a musty odor when crushed



Black Crazy Ants

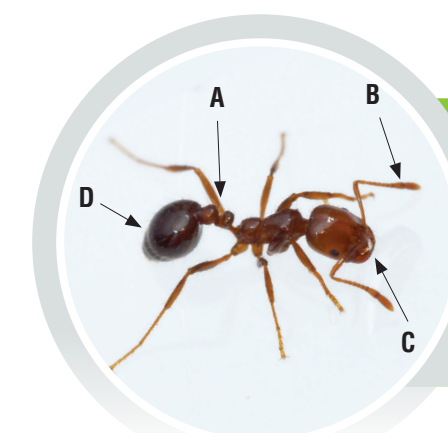
Paratrechina longicornis



SIZE:
1/8-inch in length

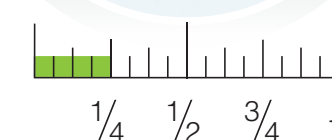
CHARACTERISTICS:

- A** | One node
- B** | Antennae with 12 segments, no club
- C** | Long scape (first antennae segment)
- D** | Body covered in coarse, long hairs
- > Workers are black



Red Imported Fire Ants

Solenopsis invicta



SIZE:
1/8- to 1/4-inch in length

CHARACTERISTICS:

- A** | Two nodes
- B** | Antennae with 10 segments, club with 2 segments
- C** | Mandibles have 4 distinct teeth
- > Workers have a reddish head and thorax with a brown/black abdomen (**D**)