

Have you seen these ants?

Red imported fire ants

Fire ants can sting people, pets and livestock, cause allergic reactions, damage electrical and agricultural equipment, destroy ecosystems and kill native plants and animals.

They can stop us from using our backyards, parks, playgrounds and beaches.

Fire ants are dark reddish-brown ants with a darker black-brown abdomen, 2 to 6 mm long. Aggressive, swarming out of the nest if disturbed or poked with a stick.



Look for nests:

Fire ant nests are mounds of loose, crumbly or fluffy looking soil, like honeycomb, up to 40 cm high with no obvious entrance holes.

Look in:

Sunny, open grassy areas, disturbed soil, rotten logs, gardens, backyards, parks, roadsides, paddocks, fence lines and cropped land, under piles of leaves and along pavers and walls.



▲ Fire ant shown on a matchstick



▲ This is what happens 48 hours after fire ant stings

Seen them? Call us **1800 680 244**

Protect people, parks, pets and wildlife

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