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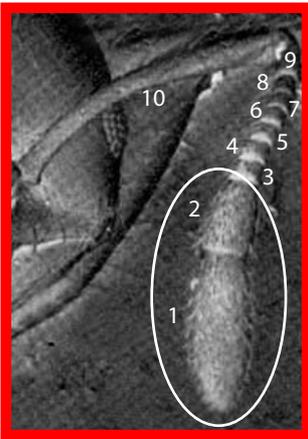
Red Imported Fire Ant Identification Chart

The pedicel, or “waist” in the red imported fire ant consists of two segments. Workers consist of many sizes (polymorphic) between 2.4 to 6 mm. The mandible has four distinct teeth and the antennae are 10-segmented, ending in a two-segmented club. A sting is present at the tip of the gaster. Body colour is usually red to brown in colour with a black gaster.

Fire ants can be found in rain forests, disturbed areas, deserts, grasslands, alongside roads and buildings, and in electrical equipment. Colonies form large mounds constructed from soil with no visible entrances because foraging tunnels are built and workers emerge far away from the nest.



Fire ant nest at Ripley, Ipswich, southeast Queensland, Australia. Photo taken circa 2019.



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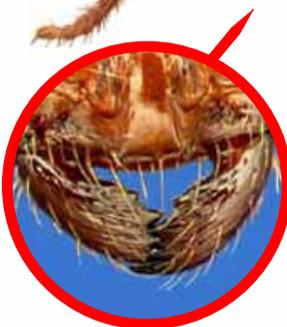
The tip of the antennae of fire ant ends in a two-segmented club.



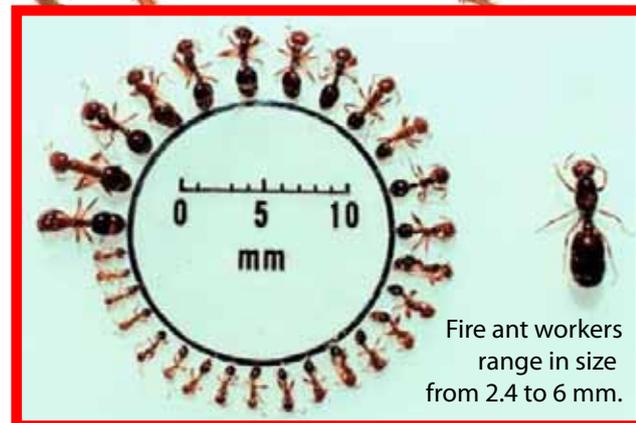
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A sting is present at the tip of the gaster.



The mandible has four distinct teeth.



Fire ant workers range in size from 2.4 to 6 mm.