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Animal Fact Sheet

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Black garden ant

Lasius niger

The black garden ant is a small, dark-colored insect native to much of Europe, parts of Asia, and introduced areas in North America. These ants are renowned for their intricate social structure, wher…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Formicidae
Habitat: Gardens, lawns, meadows, and urban areas
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: Worker: 1-2 years, Queen: up to 15 years
Weight: 0.7–5 mg
Scientific name: Lasius niger

Did you know?

- A black garden ant queen can lay up to 1,500 eggs per day at the height of her productivity.
- Black garden ant colonies can host up to 40,000 workers. The queen can live for over a decade, which is unusually long for an insect. These ants 'far…

What I learned

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