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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Ghost Ant

*Tapinoma melanocephalum*

The ghost ant is a tiny, pale-colored ant species known for its almost translucent legs and abdomen, which give it a ghostly appearance. Originally from the Old World tropics, this ant has spread wor…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate
**Family:** Formicidae
**Habitat:** Tropical and subtropical environments, frequently found indoors in human dwellings
**Diet:** Omnivore
**Conservation status:** Least Concern
**Lifespan:** Several weeks to a few months
**Weight:** 0.1–0.3 mg
**Scientific name:** Tapinoma melanocephalum

## Did you know?

- Despite their tiny size, ghost ants can establish vast colonies with interconnected nests spanning entire buildings.
- Ghost ants are named for their translucent appearance, which makes them difficult to spot; they can quickly form new colonies by splitting off with m…

## What I learned

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