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Red Imported Fire Ant

Solenopsis invicta

The Red Imported Fire Ant (*Solenopsis invicta*) is a highly aggressive, stinging ant native to South America but now widespread in the southern United States and other parts of the world due to accide...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Formicidae

Habitat: Grasslands, open fields, urban areas

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-6 years (queens), several weeks to months (workers)

Weight: 0.5–5 mg

Scientific name: *Solenopsis invicta*

Did you know?

- A single Red Imported Fire Ant colony can contain up to 250,000 worker ants and multiple queens, making them extremely difficult to eradicate.
- Red Imported Fire Ants can form living rafts during floods to protect their colony. Their colonies can have either a single queen (monogyne) or multi...

What I learned
