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Animal Fact Sheet

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Yellow Crazy Ant

Anoplolepis gracilipes

The yellow crazy ant (Anoplolepis gracilipes) takes its name from its erratic, jerky, seemingly panicked walk, and it is one of the most destructive invasive species on Earth. It has no sting. Instea…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Formicidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, plantations, and disturbed habitats
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: Several months to 1 year (workers), up to several years (queens)
Weight: 2–5 mg
Scientific name: Anoplolepis gracilipes

Did you know?

- Yellow Crazy Ants have caused ecological disasters on some islands by killing millions of land crabs and altering forest ecosystems.
- Yellow crazy ants killed an estimated 10 to 20 million red land crabs on Christmas Island by spraying formic acid into their eyes, which changed the …

What I learned

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