



## **Black Ants**

Black Ants are 2-4 mm long.

Ants exist in our surroundings, and are good pollinators and part of the cycles of nature.

They can enter homes during the spring and summer periods. Several of the ant species that would otherwise live in the soil can occasionally build their nests in rotten wood in houses.

A single small juice stain can quickly attract hordes of ants. When the first ant has found a sweet, it puts out an olfactory trace leading countless of new ants to the scene.

Massmigration of black ants are a typical spring problem. They usually try to find their way in during the early spring, before flowering has started. Ant communities that are close to our buildings easily discover food indoors during this period. A bit later in the summer, they get out into their natural environment where they live of aphids and plant juices.

The ants are completely harmless to humans.

### **Can you do anything to prevent black ants from getting indoors?**

Through some simple measurements you can reduce the risk of an invasion of black ants:

- If you see an ant track/ fragrance track use detergent and water and thoroughly wash it away, using a brush.
- Wipe up sweet spills such as sugar, juice and soft drinks immediately, and clean up cookie crumbs in the kitchen, especially during the spring.

Primarily ant problems indoors are best solved with the so-called ant boxes.

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