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## **The Pest Ants of Louisiana: a Guide to Their Identification, Biology, and Control**

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Written with taxonomists, biologists, and pest management professionals in mind, Louisiana State University AgCenter's *The Pest Ants of Louisiana: a Guide to Their Identification, Biology, and Control* is a must have for all interested in the Formicidae of Louisiana. All common pest ants known to occur in Louisiana, a total of fifteen species or genera, are included in this reference. A taxonomic key to genus and species is included, and each genus or species has its own account. Species accounts include identifying characteristics, a quick diagnosis for identification, separation from similar species, notes on biology and behavior, methods of control or management, and a color photograph of the species. In addition, full color diagrams, a glossary, and the elimination of jargon should make the book user-friendly to the neophyte. From a comprehensive Introduction to Ant Mimics, the book is a cover-to-cover, fact-filled primer to Louisiana's common ants.

**Species 1:** Hymenoptera Formicidae *Solenopsis invicta* (red imported fire ant)

**Species 2:** Hymenoptera Formicidae *Linepithema humile* (Argentine ant)

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Pest Ants of Louisiana (arranged alphabetically) *Aphaenogaster fulva* Roger (occasional structural pest, especially in rotting wood) *Aphaenogaster lamellidens* Mayr (may nest in rotting wood of structures) *Atta texana* (Buckley) (serious pest of pine regeneration in the upland areas of west central LA and east TX, bites)  
\**Brachymyrmex patagonicus* Mayr (introduced, nuisance pest) *Camponotus americanus* Mayr (occasional household & nuisance pest) *Camponotus caryae* (Fitch) (occasional).  
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