Household 1

Ants

Ants vs. Termites

Carpenter ant

Odorous house ant

Larger yellow ant

Acrobat ant

Pavement ant
Ant life cycle
Swarmers hard to identify

Carpenter ants come in different forms and sizes
Queens
Males
Major & minor workers
Social insects

Carpenter ants
Normally nest in logs, stumps, and hollow trees – speed up decay process
Seldom in dry, sound wood
Found in soft materials – foam insulation, rotting wood
Smooth clean galleries – no soil
Dump trash out of on of the openings
Carpenter ant diet
Varied – living & dead insects, aphid honeydew, sweets, fats, meat
Forage at night – return to colony early am
May forage several hundred feet from nest

Clean, smooth galleries with grain

Rotted wood beneath window
Throw trash outside of nest

Carpenter Ant Management

- Find nest / wet wood
- Correct moisture problem
- DE or boric acid dust (Roach-Prufe) in entrance
- Liquid or aerosol ready-to-use insecticide, such as bifenthrin, cyfluthrin, deltamethrin, or permethrin
- Baits - hydramethylnon, sulfuramid, abamectin, or boric acid