
WHITE-FOOTED ANT

Technomyrmex jocosus



Found throughout New Zealand but more prevalent in warmer areas and become well established, both outdoors and indoors

Named for its pale yellowish to white tarsi, or feet

Workers are the same size, 1/8" (3 mm) long with black to brownish black bodies and pale yellow to white legs, an unevenly rounded profile, 12-segmented antennae and no stinger

Large colonies have multiple queens; 50% of the colony are reproductives that mate and lay fertile eggs and the remaining individuals lay eggs that serve as the colony's food source. Forages in trails, mostly at night in cooler temperatures; invades structures in search of sweet liquids and water.

Difficult to control (baits typically not effective as not transferred between workers, so large quantities needed to control nests). Can reach very high densities in buildings and are difficult to control (baits typically not effective as not transferred between workers, so large quantities needed to control nests). Workers frequently forage indoors and form trails indoors or outdoors