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# Green headed ant

## Summary

Green headed ants (*Rhytidoponera metallica*) are native ants. Sometimes considered pests due to their ability to deliver a painful sting and their nesting presence in parks and gardens.

## Where are they found?

These ants nest in the ground and are found outside in both urban and natural areas.

## Damage

These ants do not damage or nest in buildings, but they may cause concern due to their painful sting. While generally not dangerous, some people can experience an allergic reaction which may require immediate medical attention. Nests in lawns may become an aesthetic concern.

## Treatment

Insecticide sprays registered for ant control can be used to treat ants at the nest site. Granular baits containing hydramethylnon and an oil-based granular ant baits will offer good control, although these are more expensive and so may be best suited for larger areas. These products can be purchased from garden centres, hardware stores and agricultural chemical retailers.

## Watch out!

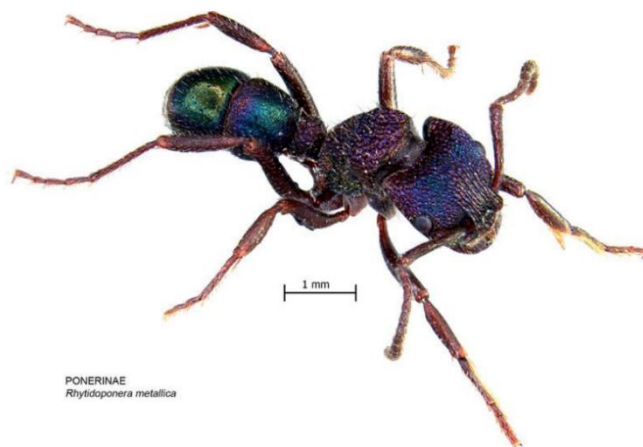
Ants are often difficult to identify! There are a number of ants that have not established in Western Australia, but could significantly impact our outdoor lifestyle and WA's agricultural industries and environment. See [dpird.wa.gov.au/ants](http://dpird.wa.gov.au/ants) for further information.

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