**ANT IDENTIFICATION KEY**

**1-Node Ants**

This information is valid for residents of Nebraska.

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**Black Carpenter Ant**

*Camponotus pennsylvanicus*

- Many sizes of workers.
- Thorax is evenly rounded

Actual Size

- Major workers: about 7/16"
- Minor workers: about 1/4"

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**“Red” Carpenter Ant**

*Camponotus sayi*

- Many sizes of workers.
- Thorax is evenly rounded

Actual Size

- Major workers: about 1/4"
- Minor workers: about 3/16"

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**Field Ant**

*Formica spp.*

- Field ants may be black, brown, tan, reddish, or red and black in color. Often confused with carpenter ants.
- Ocelli on front of head
- Uneven thorax
- Variable Coloration

Actual Size

about 3/8"

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**Small (False) Honey Ant**

*Prenolepis imparis*

- Also called Winter Honey Ant. When these ants are swollen (full of food), the gasters (abdomen) are greatly enlarged.
- First segment of antenna is longer than head
- Pedicel looks heart-shaped when viewed at an angle

Actual Size

about 1/8"

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**Large Yellow Ant**

*Acanthomyops interjectus*

- Also called Citronella Ant or Foundation Ant. Gives off "citronella" odor when crushed.
- Thorax is uneven in shape

Actual Size

about 1/4"

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**Odorous House Ant**

*Tapinoma sessile*

- Has rotten coconut-like odor when crushed.
- Thorax is uneven in shape
- 1 node is hidden by abdomen
- No circle of hairs at tip of abdomen

Actual Size

about 1/8"