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Fire Ants

Fire ants made their way to the United States around 1930. They continue to expand their territory and are a significant problem throughout the south. Wherever you look...on lawns, golf courses and even in cracks in the pavement. You will often come across mounds made by fire ant colonies.

Fire ants are tiny and you can not easily see them unless you bend over and look closely. But if you accidentally step on one of their mounds, instantly thousands of fire ants will swarm out of the ground looking for something to attack. Fire ants do not bite: they sting like wasps. They hold on with their mouthparts and inject venom into skin through a stinger on their abdomen. And you are likely to be stung hundreds of times if you unknowingly disturb a mound.

Fire ants individually are hard to identify because they look much like ordinary ants. They are a few millimetres long and reddish brown to black in color. Fire ants in a colony are probably most easily distinguished by their aggressive behavior and characteristic mound-shaped nest. Their nests have no obvious openings, but just under the surface are many tunnels, allowing thousands of ants to emerge in just a few seconds.

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