

There were many small openings to the nest, none being as much as 10 cm. in diameter. The largest openings were under the termite nest. The fungus gardens were shallow, being under six or so centimeters of reddish-gray clay. Seven or more gardens were exposed and brood was seen in none.

The bees probably used the mound merely as a nesting site. They seemed to be digging horizontally in the upper soil. One was heard buzzing incessantly under the soil and when I cut into it the insect tumbled out of a cell in fungus garden. It had likely borrowed accidentally into this for ants attacked another bee when it was unearthed from an ant tunnel.

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