

Table 1. Larval instars in ants.

Ant	Instars	Characters Used	Our Reference
<i>Acantholepis frauenfeldi</i>	5	larval shape and size, chaetotaxy	1982
<i>Acromyrmex octospinosus</i>	4	length, hair, diameter of spiracle	
<i>Aphaenogaster rudis</i>	5	hair distribution, shape and length	1953
<i>Brachyponera chinensis</i>	4	head width	
<i>Cataglyphis cursor</i>	3	size, diameter of T2 spiracle, hairs, head, mouth parts	
<i>Crematogaster stadelmanni</i>	3	mandible size, chaetotaxy	1976
<i>Crematogaster striatula</i>	3	chaetotaxy, diameter of spiracle	1983
<i>Formica japonica</i>	3	head length	
<i>Messor aciculatus</i>	3	chaetotaxy	
<i>Myrmica rubra</i>	3	hair density	1976
<i>Myrmica ruginodis</i>	3	hair density, maxillary palp and galea	1983
<i>Pheidole bicarinata</i>	4	hair pattern, mandible, spiracle size	
<i>Pheidole pallidula</i>	4	spiracle size, hair shape, mandible	
<i>Plagiolepis pygmaea</i>	5	body shape, chaetotaxy	1974
<i>Polyrhachis lamellidens</i>	4	head width, hair shape	
<i>Solenopsis invicta</i>	4	mouth parts	1983
<i>Tetramorium caespitum</i>	3	hair shape	
<i>Tetramorium caespitum</i>	3	head width, mandible, maxilla, chaetotaxy	

and larvae during the weaving process in the three genera mentioned above and also in the neotropical genus *Dendromyrmex*. The small colonies of *Dendromyrmex* "build oblong carton nests on the leaves of a variety of tree species in the rain forest." The carton is "reinforced with continuous sheets of larval silk."

⌘—These authors doubt (p. 491) that the larvae of *Technomyrmex bicolor textor* Forel produce silk used in the construction of nests.

#### CARE (p. 85)

Insert as the last paragraph under FEEDING:

An excellent general account of feeding is to be found in Wheeler and Bailey 1920:250–275.

A new topic to be added at the end of BIONOMICS (p. 85):

#### MIMICRY

Cross (1965:61) stated that "The physogastric females (figs. 8, 9) of [the mite genus *Perperipes* (Pyemotidae)] differ greatly from all other pyemotids, and apparently are mimics of the doryline ant larvae among which they live." (See also Audy et al., 1972:490.)

#### TAXONOMIC CONCLUSIONS (pp. 88–93)

On page 89 we listed the myrmecological uses for the study of ant larvae. We now list 2 more: