

## Ants in the garden

### **Description:**

There are several species of ants which can be found in gardens. They are more of a nuisance than a pest and can often be found collecting the honeydew secreted by aphids and other sap feeding pests that are attacking garden plants. This honeydew deters many of the aphid's natural predators.

The presence of ants in the garden will encourage visits from a range of birds including woodpeckers.



### **Detection:**

Fine heaps of sand or soil can be found in beds and borders, also in the lawn - this is a sign of an ant nest. On hot summer evenings hordes of flying ants may take wing to mate providing a feast for insect eating wildlife.



### **Control:**

#### **Non-chemical control:-**

Tolerate them – they are more of a friend than a foe.

#### **Biological control:-**

Nematodes provide a very effective control. These are available throughout spring and summer.

#### **Chemical control:-**

There are several different methods of chemical control. Bait stations, active ingredient spinasol, liquids, powders and sprays, active ingredient permethrin, are all available.



**ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURERS  
INSTRUCTIONS WHEN USING CHEMICAL CONTROL  
PRODUCTS**

