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Toxic Terrors

# HARVESTER ANTS

**STING PLUS:** A harvester ant's sting is barbed and causes an extra bit of pain when the insect pulls it out of a victim. This ant injects so much venom that a swarm of stinging harvesters can kill young mammals.

**SEEDY:** These ants eat a steady diet of seeds, with an occasional insect thrown in. Harvester workers dig up freshly planted or fallen seeds, and are known to travel up to 30 miles from their nest to "harvest" the various grains.

Harvester ants are the farmers of the ant world, spending their days gathering seeds and hauling them to their nest. Other ant species may be fooled by the harvesters' peaceful lifestyle and try to invade their nests, but they're met by a swarming, angry army that uses its jaws and stings as lethal weapons.

## Creature Features

**GENUS/SPECIES:** *Pogonomyrmex*/various

**SIZE:** Length up to 0.5 in.

**HABITAT:** Just about any habitat from the Western to Southeastern United States

**FOOD:** Mostly seeds, some insects

**LIFESPAN:** Worker a few months; Queens up to 30 years!

