



TERMITE MANAGEMENT IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



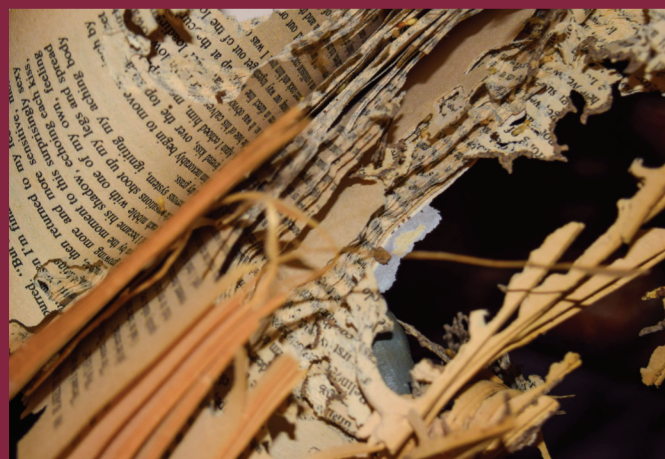
Arboreal termite nest *Nasutitermes* sp.



Termite impact on sugarcane



Mud track of Arboreal termites



Damage caused by the termites

Background and Description

Termite infestations cost millions of dollars to the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji which includes the application of pesticides, transportation and labor costs. Asian Subterranean termite pest is causing a major problem in West of Viti Levu and they are active in hot wet areas infesting household furniture, forests and agricultural crops such as Cassava and Sugarcane. The other arboreal termite *Nasutitermes* species also causes similar damages as compared with AST and it is a major concern to manage these Isopteran pests.

How to Reduce the Risks - The DOs and DON'Ts

Proper, regular maintenance of the termite management system is essential to minimize the opportunity for termite attack. The house should be inspected at least annually by Biosecurity officers or licensed pest controllers. More frequent inspections may be required in high risk areas (e.g. where there are a great number of trees or virgin bush nearby or in hotspot areas).

Some common practices which may increase the risk of termite problems include:

- placing turf, paving, concrete paths, bark and garden beds up against the house wall
- leaving loose timber stacked up or leaning against the house
- Movement of infested seeds such as cane stalk and cassava stalk for planting to new sites or selling to the neighboring districts

Disposing of Termite Infested Wood and Debris

Wood should not be buried. Even pesticide treatments will not prevent buried wood from eventually becoming infested with termites. Downed trees and large shrubs on the ground should be cut into movable segments and taken to a facility for proper disposal.

Signs of Formosan Subterranean Termite Infestation

Inside a home:

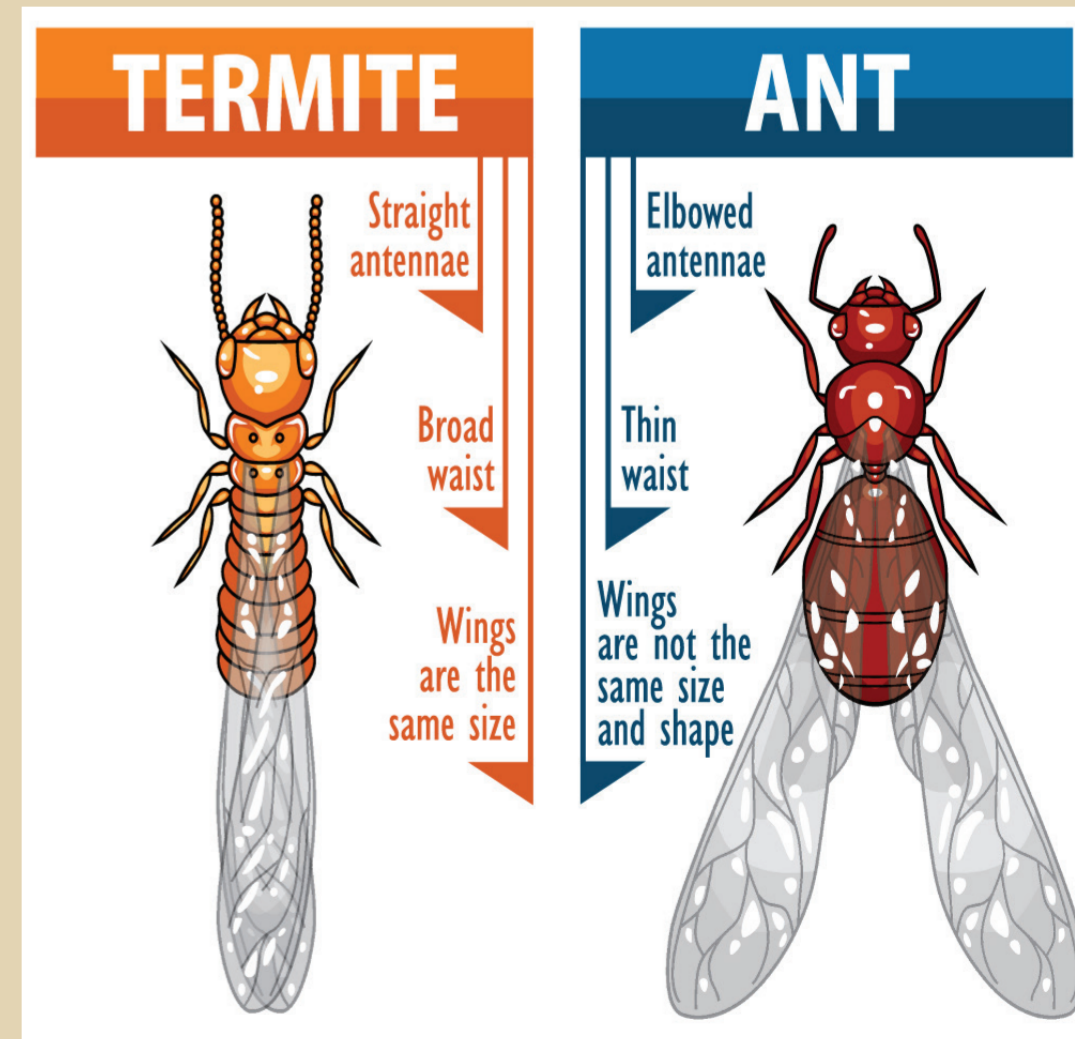
- Carton nests showing on door frames, edges of walls, floors, ceilings, stairs or other areas.
- Pinpoint holes containing dirt in sheetrock
- Distortion of floor, window or door frames.

Outside a home:

- Mud tubes over foundation walls, bark on tree trunks, piers and concrete slabs.
- Trees with carton nests near base and exposed on bark.
- Damaged fences, utility poles and landscape timbers.

"If You've Seen One, You Haven't Seen Them All". Stop these pests from spreading.

Differences between Ants and Termites



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