

# Watch out for Fire Ants.

Dangerous and venomous ants, not present in the past, have been found in Japan.

If you find them, **do not ever touch them!**



Hiari *FIRE ANT*

Size: 2.5mm~6.0mm

Characteristics:

- Red-brown body color.
- Pedicel with two nodes.
- Venom-injecting sting in the tail.

When stung, you may feel severe pain. Conditions may be even worse and more severe if allergy symptoms are developed.

## Information on fire ants

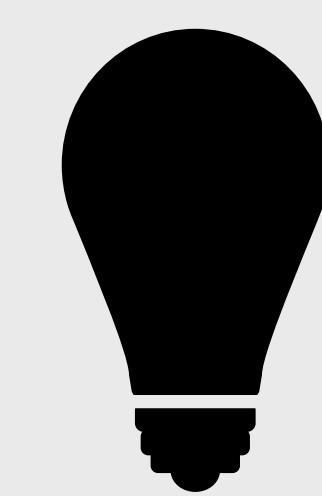
Check out the places where fire ants are found.

<http://www.env.go.jp/nature/dobutsu/fireant.html>

(Website of the Ministry of the Environment)  
(\* Available only in Japanese)

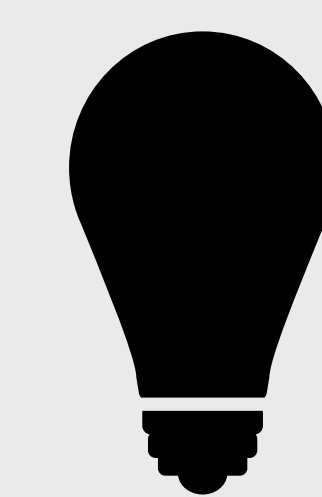


A large ant-hill constructed by fire ants.



**A large ant-hill** is a sign.

Typical ants in Japan do not construct large ant-hills. If you find a large ant-hill, report it immediately without touching it.



**Are they fire ants?**

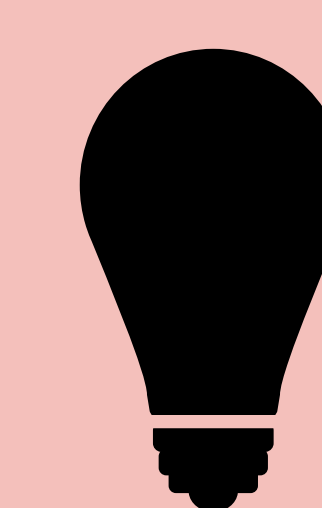
If you find ants that look like fire ants, do not exterminate them by yourself, but report it to the local environment offices or prefectural environment bureaus near you.

Environment Policy Planning Division, Gifu Prefectural Government  
TEL: 058-272-8231 (Available only in Japanese)

Report to

For services in languages other than the Japanese, please e-mail us at the address below with the telephone number of the sender.

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If you are stung and feel any abnormality, **go to a hospital nearby right away.**

Inform a doctor that you have been stung by ants and receive appropriate treatment.

Symptoms caused by the fire ant venom may differ widely depending on individuals.



Fire ants on a leaf.