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101 ant species we've kept

Every species here was raised by us from a single queen, most of them collected by hand, and grown into colonies from a few workers to many thousands.

101 species across 36 genera, from our first queen, Formica rufibarbis, in 1997, to bullet ants, weaver ants and leafcutters.

No.	SPECIES	COMMON NAME
1	*Acromyrmex octospinosus*	Leafcutter ant
2	*Anochetus risii*	
3	*Anoplolepis gracilipes*	Yellow crazy ant
4	*Aphaenogaster dulcineae*	
5	*Aphaenogaster gibbosa*	
6	*Aphaenogaster longiceps*	
7	*Atta cephalotes*	Leafcutter ant
8	*Atta laevigata*	Leafcutter ant
9	*Atta mexicana*	Leafcutter ant
10	*Atta sexdens*	Leafcutter ant
11	*Atta texana*	
12	*Camponotus aethiops*	Carpenter ant
13	*Camponotus americanus*	
14	*Camponotus auriventris*	
15	*Camponotus barbaricus*	
16	*Camponotus castaneus*	
17	*Camponotus cruentatus*	
18	*Camponotus fedtschenkoi*	
19	*Camponotus fellah*	Carpenter ant
20	*Camponotus floridanus*	Florida carpenter ant
21	*Camponotus herculeanus*	
22	*Camponotus japonicus*	Japanese carpenter ant
23	*Camponotus ligniperda*	
24	*Camponotus micans*	Black carpenter ant
25	*Camponotus nicobarensis*	Carpenter ant
26	*Camponotus nylanderi*	
27	*Camponotus parius*	
28	*Camponotus pennsylvanicus*	Carpenter ant
29	*Camponotus pseudolendus*	
30	*Camponotus sanctus*	Carpenter ant
31	*Camponotus singularis*	

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32	*Camponotus sp. US-CA02*	
33	*Camponotus sylvaticus*	Carpenter ant
34	*Camponotus turkestanus*	
35	*Camponotus vicinus*	
36	*Camponotus wasmanni*	
37	*Carebara affinis*	Asian marauder ant
38	*Carebara diversa*	Marauder ant
39	*Cataglyphis iberica*	
40	*Cataglyphis nodus*	
41	*Crematogaster biroi*	
42	*Crematogaster scutellaris*	
43	*Diacamma rugosum*	Asian bullet ant
44	*Dinomyrmex gigas*	Giant forest ant
45	*Dorymyrmex bureni*	
46	*Formica cunicularia*	
47	*Formica fusca*	
48	*Formica rufa*	Red wood ant
49	*Formica rufibarbis*	
50	*Formica sanguinea*	Slave-maker ant
51	*Harpegnathos venator*	Jumping ant
52	*Iridomyrmex purpureus*	Meat ant
53	*Lasius flavus*	Yellow meadow ant
54	*Lasius grandis*	
55	*Lasius niger*	Black garden ant
56	*Manica rubida*	European fire red ant
57	*Messor aciculatus*	
58	*Messor angularis*	
59	*Messor arenarius*	
60	*Messor barbarus*	Harvester ant
61	*Messor bouvieri*	
62	*Messor capitatus*	
63	*Messor cephalotes*	Giant African harvester ant
64	*Messor ebeninus*	
65	*Messor minor*	
66	*Messor orientalis*	
67	*Messor structor*	Harvester ant
68	*Messor wasmanni*	

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69	*Myrmecia brevinoda*	Giant brown bull ant
70	*Myrmecia fulvipes*	Golden-tailed bull ant
71	*Myrmecia nigrocincta*	Jumping bull ant
72	*Myrmecia pyriformis*	Giant bulldog ant
73	*Myrmecocystus mexicanus*	Golden honey pot ant
74	*Myrmica rubra*	European fire ant
75	*Myrmicaria brunnea*	
76	*Mystrium camillae*	Dracula ant
77	*Odontomachus monticola*	Trap-jaw ant
78	*Odontoponera transversa*	
79	*Oecophylla longinoda*	African weaver ant
80	*Oecophylla smaragdina*	Green Asian weaver ant
81	*Paraponera clavata*	Bullet ant
82	*Pheidole flaveria*	
83	*Pheidole noda*	Big-headed ant
84	*Pheidole pallidula*	
85	*Pheidole sinica*	Big-headed ant
86	*Pogonomyrmex badius*	
87	*Pogonomyrmex barbatus*	
88	*Pogonomyrmex rugosus*	
89	*Polyrhachis dives*	Weaver ant
90	*Prenolepis nitens*	European honey pot ant
91	*Solenopsis fugax*	Thief ant
92	*Solenopsis geminata*	Fire ant
93	*Solenopsis invicta*	Red imported fire ant
94	*Solenopsis molesta*	Thief ant
95	*Tapinoma melanocephalum*	
96	*Temnothorax nylanderi*	Acorn ant
97	*Tetramorium bicarinatum*	
98	*Tetramorium caespitum*	Pavement ant
99	*Tetramorium immigrans*	Pavement ant
100	*Tetramorium semilaeve*	
101	*Tetraponera rufonigra*	

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