

A crowdbook by

ANTS & ANT KEEPING

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1 Observations



Figure 1: *Camponotus Nearcticus*

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48-hour-old first non-nanitic worker of the colony.
Color still developing.
The queen is the size of the average normal *Camponotus* worker,
so maybe 9-10mm.

2 Cleaning Crews

3 [F]AQ.

3.1 If I freeze insects to feed ants, for how long would they remain edible?

SIRJORDANCURTIS (CA):

@Grandma Yngvi, you wouldn't want to use them after a few months because they start to freezer burn.
At least that's true for birds, though I imagine it would also be unhealthy to feed extremely old crickets and mealworms to your ants

3.2 How can I tell if it's an egg or small larva?

#INFINITY VEXATION (OH):

@TugaNid (Portugal), a new larva looks just like an egg but bent. They usually only move when being fed.



Figure 2: *Side by side comparison of an ant's life stages*