A Bug's Life

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Citronella ants
Large yellow ant - Lasius interjectus; Small yellow ant - Lasius claviger

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