A Bug's Life

Fun facts
- Named because of lemony odor workers produce when disturbed
- Nests almost always found outdoors under items, may swarm indoors in winter coming out from under slab
- Sugar feeding ants that feed on honeydew from root aphids

Identification
- **Damage:** Swarvers with wings may be seen during a mating swarm
- **Workers:** 1-node, 1/4" long, yellowish-orange to brown color, small eyes
- **Swarvers:** Dark body color with smoky wings, females are much larger than males

Management
- Normally not a pest indoors unless they swarm occurs
- During mating swarm, baits will not be effective, so it's best to sweep or vacuum up ants and seal up entrance
- Insecticide treatment indoors is not recommended unless workers are foraging indoors

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