

Introduction

These playing cards are designed to help young people become familiar with some of the ants found in local gardens, parks, wetlands and bushland.

They are intended as add-on packs to use in conjunction with the Aquatic Macroinvertebrates or Common Urban and Bushland Birds card games that are available separately. Additional packs are also available for butterflies and frogs in the Green Adelaide region. You may like to combine all of the cards to expand the games and learn more about our wider ecosystems or use them individually.

Please **print two copies** of each of the card sheets (or four if you want to expand the playing time of the games). They are designed to be double-sided. If your printer doesn't allow double-sided printing, print out the face cards first and then flip the paper and run it through again to print the back of the cards. Cut out the cards along the lines, one species per card. You might like to print them on card to make them more durable.

Three classic card games (memory, go fish, and snap) have been adapted for use with the cards, and instructions of how to play are included in the Aquatic Macroinvertebrates and Common Urban and Bushland Birds main packs.

We encourage participants to modify the rules or develop their own games and activities using the cards. Although these cards are a great way to develop young people's interest in the environment, they are not intended to be a substitute for getting out of the house or classroom to investigate local ecosystems. Please visit our website to download free identification charts and other resources to assist in your learning.

We sincerely hope you enjoy playing the games and trust that you will learn a little more about the wonderful creatures living in the Green Adelaide region.



Sugar Ant

I'm called a sugar ant because I like to eat sugar and sweet foods. I am sometimes considered a pest when I enter houses.



Heart Bottom Ant

I am a predator, hunting insects like termites, wasps and grasshoppers. I wave my bottom in the air if threatened.



Green-head Ant

I farm aphids, protecting them from predators in exchange for a drink of their sweet, energy-rich honeydew.



Hopper Ant

When attacked I can jump a long way to escape. I hunt other insects, using my barbless stinger to inject venom.



Inch Ant

I am one of the largest species of ants in the world, growing as long as 2.6cm. Some people are allergic to my sting.



Meat Ant

I am very territorial and if any ants from other colonies enter my territory, my colony and I will attack them.



Muscleman Patch Ant

I live almost entirely in the trees. I have swollen legs that look like big muscles and cream patches on my abdomen.



Big-headed Ant

My species contains two types of workers. Minor workers have small heads and major workers (soldiers) have large heads.

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