Subject: Why Fire Ants Suck Posted by Blazer on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 21:19:35 GMT

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I'm so glad these damn things are not in Arizona.

"Fire ants are so named because their venom induces a painful, fiery sensation. When disturbed, fire ants are very aggressive. The ant grips the skin with its mandibles or jaws and stings its victim several times in a circular pattern around the point of mandible attachment. Because of the ant's aggressive nature and capacity for multiple stings, an attack usually results in several stings."

If you live in the sourthern states, especially Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, you WILL get stung by fireants every summer (or even winter too), without fail. Just saying they are "very aggressive" does not come close to describing these damn things. Basically, if they can touch you, they WILL sting you, each one many times, until you brush them off or squish them. If you layed down on a fire ant mound, they would most certainly sting you to death and then eat you too. Having lived in Mississippi for quite a few years, fireants are probably #1 on my most hated insects list, just under mosquitoes.

Just imagine living there, and knowing that this week, next week, or the week after that you were definitely going to have something like this:

I know what you're thinking..."just don't bother them". Its not that simple...the damn things make mounds all over your yard, so when you cut the grass you disturb a nest and thats your ass...you can't go within a dozen feet of it for days. Not only that if it rains, they invade your house, and if you so much as blow air on them, they scramble about looking for something to attack.

Lets not forget the other fun part...walking under pine trees. You see the ants like pine sap, because its sweet, so the fire ants climb all over pine trees...usually if you see someone lean against one, and before yuo can warn them they are doing the wild dance that only fireant stings can cause. Once I simply walked under a pine tree, and ONE ant fell out of the tree into my hair...the little bastard stung my scalp a dozen times before I could kill it, pretty much by just slamming my hand down all over my head like some crazed monkey.

EDIT: I forgot to mention the wonderful "surprise!" that fireants give you. You see unlike other ants that BITE you, fireants have a STINGER, like a bee. But to sting you first they have to bite you and holdon...so you get about a .3 second jab of what you would think is pain (the bite), before they sting you (which hurts like hell). If you don't immediately (within a second, squish the ant or brush it off, it keeps stinging. So you get *surprise!* (bite) *sting*-*sting*-*sting*-*sting*....and brushing them off isn't always easy as like I said they bite down and holdon. Also worth mentioning is that while fireants can float in water, they cannot swim, so they get in your pool, ponds, etc...then when you go for a swim, they latch on and you guessed it...start stinging. I hate the fuckers.

Fire ants are evil...they need to die...all of them.

Posted by xptek_disabled on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 21:25:51 GMT

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Oh, I hate these little fuckers. Some moron in the cubicle next to mine brought in an "ant colony" filled with fire ants. The idiot made a small crack in the glass and a ton escaped. About two days later I feel a sharp pain in my ankle and three of the little pricks stung me. Made my ankle swell up huge.

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Posted by Hydra on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 21:29:11 GMT

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Fire ants are so named because they come from Hell. We get 'em all the time down here in Georgia.

Did you have a traumatic experience with some fire ants recently, and is that your arm in that picture, Blazer?

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Posted by icedog90 on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 21:32:37 GMT

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Fireants are pricky mother fuckers. As far as I remember, I think I was horribly attacked by them when I was about 4 years old (When I used to live in California). Good thing we don't get them up here in Washinton state.

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Posted by Blazer on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 21:34:28 GMT

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Yep...I've never seen anything so aggressive as those things. Like a spider will walk all over you and not even bite you, you can catch a bee in your hand and it usually won't sting you unless you squish it. Any fireant WILL sting you until you kill it if it simply touches you for ANY reason, even if they are just wandering around and come across your foot like what happened to you. Any other damn insect tries to avoid stuff, but these damn things just go where they please, and anything that moves they sting it.

Hydra...no thats not my arm in that picture, but various parts of my body have looked like that EVERY summer that I lived in Mississippi. In fact I would venture to say that anyone who ventures outside in MS or states around it, gets stung by fireants EVERY summer without fail. And the stings always look like that, or worse. The pain only lasts a minute, and then they itch like hell for about a week.

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Posted by htmlgod on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 21:35:53 GMT

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Eeeeew, nasty picture.

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Posted by U927 on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 21:40:57 GMT

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Although I haven't had any encounters with fire ants, I do however have another ant that pisses me off.

Flying carpenter ants. I live in a 30+ year-old house, it's foundations made of wood and most of the ceiling as well. A couple of months ago we spotted and about half an inch long crawling out of a crack. We thought spray would kill them, didn't work. We tried plugging the hole, they just made a new one. It seems the only thing we can do is put up a bug zapper, INSIDE OUR OWN HOME, just to make sure they don't spread into the rooms and kitchen.

On a plus side, I get great satisfaction from seeing the fuckers roast and watching the electricity evaporate all their body fluids causing them to pop. :twisted:

Subject: Why Fire Ants Suck

Posted by cowmisfit on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 21:42:33 GMT

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Last summer an old lady Died because she was stung to death by them

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Posted by Hydra on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 22:03:12 GMT

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I think there's a redneck joke about having a bug zapper inside your own home.

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Posted by PointlessAmbler on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 22:16:15 GMT

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Light the bastards on fire with gasoline. That's about the only solution I can think of.

Posted by flyingfox on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 22:42:58 GMT

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Forget fire ants. Daddy long legs are much worse. How would you like 8 long legs on wings, random movements.. the kind of beast you find flying around walls when all the windows are shut, and you wonder how the hell it got in.

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Posted by Sanada78 on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 23:05:07 GMT

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Thank god we don't get any of them here...

All we have are little Red ants. They still sting but it's usually just an irritating itch, like from a stinging nettle plant. They're not really that aggressive either, unless you provoke them or lye in the garden grass.

LOL, and while I was writing this, I got attack by a moth.

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Posted by PointlessAmbler on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 23:16:02 GMT

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Daddy-long-legs are harmless.

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Posted by rm5248 on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 00:11:13 GMT

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RenGuard idea:

When RenGuard finds a cheater, this happens:

[RG]14:00 cheater01 found on n00bstories server.

[RG]14:00 Locating IP for cheater01

[RG]14:01 IP located for cheater01. GPS lock commencing.

[RG]14:02 Arming hornet and fire ant missile.

[RG]14:02 GPS lock on cheater01. GPS: 41N, 13W.

[RG]14:03 Missile armed and ready. Launch commencing.

[RG]14:10 Missile impact.

[RG]14:30 Results: 15 hornet stings, 205 fire ant stings. Mission Accomplished. cheater01 has been taught his lesson.

Posted by jd422032101 on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 00:43:14 GMT

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then i smell LAW suit lol but good idea

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Posted by SuperFlyingEngi on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 01:37:34 GMT

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Blazer. Its not that simple...the damn things make mounds all over your yard, so when you cut the grass you disturb a nest and thats your ass...

Who the hell needs a lawn?

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Posted by npsmith82 on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 02:33:49 GMT

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hydra1945Umbral_DelaFlareIt seems the only thing we can do is put up a bug zapper, INSIDE OUR OWN HOME, just to make sure they don't spread into the rooms and kitchen. I think there's a redneck joke about having a bug zapper inside your own home. I like to call those 'bug zapper' things Wall Mounted Tesla Coils.

So hilarious to hear the zapping of the poor bug that bounces around the enclosure 3 or 4 times.

I swear sometimes i hear the tesla charge-up sound!

Subject: Why Fire Ants Suck

Posted by PointlessAmbler on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 02:34:51 GMT

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Good luck making it so that your Tesla Coil doesn't shoot you, too...

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Posted by xptek_disabled on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 03:03:26 GMT

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Posted by PointlessAmbler on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 03:10:01 GMT

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The best weapon against insects is fire. Next best is poison.

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Posted by Spice on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 03:12:31 GMT

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PointlessAmblerGood luck making it so that your Tesla Coil doesn't shoot you, too...

A box with one way in (see through of course), mount it on a hole (usally where ants come in) and watch them die

Fireants suck, I got stung by a some a few summers back. I dont really see too much where I live usally never.

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Posted by z310 on Wed. 09 Jun 2004 03:22:38 GMT

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Yeah i hated red ants when i was small, b4 they got me soo pissed i put some gas on it and burned the fuck out of them... the next day they were back .

PointlessAmblerDaddy-long-legs are harmless.

I heard there was a poisonus breed amoung us

Subject: Why Fire Ants Suck

Posted by SuperFlyingEngi on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 03:29:12 GMT

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Yeah, they are really poisonous, but their fangs are miniscule and they can't bite you at all. There is no reason to fear daddy long legs.

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Posted by z310 on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 03:50:30 GMT

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yeah that was it

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Posted by Orca Bomber Bomber on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 04:30:06 GMT

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Posted by jd422032101 on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 05:09:59 GMT

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we could make virus to kill them

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Posted by Spice on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 05:55:29 GMT

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ohhh man best laugh ive had in a while. I can Seriouslly Imagin that .

Posted by Bombario on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 06:06:36 GMT

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Those fire ants sound like Hell alright...Blazer you live in AZ? Where in AZ? I'm in the Valley, Peoria specifically. (about 71st Ave. + Thunderbird Rd.)

OFF TOPIC:

Hey SuperFlyingEngi, nice sig.

The Biggest Slimeball in the Universel actually voted for the \$87 billion before I voted against it. This guy has NO ****ING CLUE what his stance is on anything. I can't believe you want him president! :rolleyes:

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Posted by liberator on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 06:20:29 GMT

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You realize that almost no one in that party knows what side of various issues, and the ones that do don't dare speak about them because they would be seen for the communist(insert-radical-anti-human-political bent here) that they are.

On topic, Fire Ants are bad. Best thing to do is pour a gallon of diesel fuel in the hill and let it soak for a couple of hours, then burn the bastards. Gas won't do it because it evaporates too quickly. There are also various poisons available, Amdro being the best. If it's really bad(a dozen hills or more) call an exterminator as you're in over your head with a super-colony.

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Posted by Xtrm2Matt on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 06:41:37 GMT

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/me bows down to the UK

Subject: Why Fire Ants Suck

Posted by NHJ BV on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 06:55:39 GMT

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Wait, this isn't about Red Alert?

Anyway, if burning them is the best way to get rid of them, does that mean that if they crawl all over you stinging, you should light yourself to get rid of them?

And now I see the shitty climate over here has it's positives.

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Posted by Blazer on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 07:46:59 GMT

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Watch out, they made it to Australia...nobody is safe! http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/fireants/

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Posted by WNxTilly on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 08:05:47 GMT

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Xtrm2Matt did you know about this?

Tilly

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Posted by Ferhago on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 09:10:02 GMT

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I dunno I had fun with them when I lived in florida. Albeit I was like 6 or 7 years old I had little wars

with them and screwed their nests up and laughed as they tried to catch me.

Sometimes they did catch me and I got mad and deployed the "orbital hose cannon"

Subject: Why Fire Ants Suck

Posted by Phoenix - Aeon on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 11:14:21 GMT

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Ha the good old Daddy Long legs, the most poisonous animal on the planet, a single one contains enough poison to kill several fully grown men, thank fuck their jaws are too small to bite us otherwise human kind would no longer exist.

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Posted by by_ruddles on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 11:19:34 GMT

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I thought that the fact that they have this poisen in them that it basically was almost 100% that it would kill you. Maybe someone wants to try and eat one and let us know (If your still alive)

Posted by Crimson on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 07:21:47 GMT

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Blazer and I live near I-17, between Cactus and Peoria.

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Posted by dilaptop on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 08:39:41 GMT

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I drove a whole colony out of my bathroom without killing a single one using cinnamon.

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Posted by dilaptop on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 08:42:06 GMT

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BTW, you should never squish an ant... when they die they secrete a "help me" pheromone, that, when detected by the colony, results in an increased response.

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Posted by MrBob on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 12:40:33 GMT

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Yes, that's how killer bees work too.

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Posted by KIRBY098 on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 12:42:44 GMT

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Very interesting. I will have to try that.

Thank you on behalf of my ever-frightful wife.

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Posted by supaflyer on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 15:08:02 GMT

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You have a wonderful career in bullying in your future. :rolleyes:

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Ladies and gentlemen:

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Posted by Alkaline on Fri, 11 Jun 2004 18:35:28 GMT

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Fire Ants are nothing compared to Austrialian Bull-Dog ants, these things love to fight, you will be just sitting and eating a sandwich and bulldog ant will come and bit your ass, it will fight you also if you try to fling it away with your hands.

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Posted by xptek_disabled on Fri, 11 Jun 2004 18:49:09 GMT

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I've dealt with both. Fire ants are by far worse.

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Posted by SuperFlyingEngi on Fri, 11 Jun 2004 22:12:55 GMT

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Or you could just get an anteater for a pet and pump it full of anti-venom.

Then it'll kill all the ants for you.

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Posted by RadioactiveKangaroo on Sat, 12 Jun 2004 19:49:35 GMT

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Ive also delt with both, fire ants are by far the worst.... but i still hate bulldog ants.

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Posted by Xtrm2Matt on Sat, 12 Jun 2004 21:47:09 GMT

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Tilly

UH.. daddy long legs are leathal?! /me hides

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Posted by Jaspah on Sun, 13 Jun 2004 01:57:46 GMT

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If there so lethal and their poison kills... Why doesn't someone eat one? :rolleyes:

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Posted by Phoenix - Aeon on Sun, 13 Jun 2004 08:46:36 GMT

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Or they could do what they did do and extract enough poison from them to do a chemical analysis and come up with the result that one could kill you in a matter of seconds.

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Posted by Chrono945 on Sun, 13 Jun 2004 21:33:27 GMT

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well lol, if i get stung by a corn beatle or one of its relatives mine swells up for 3 weeks to the diameter of a football around my leg.

Id hate to see what happens when i get stung by one of those little bastards... :rolleyes: