

Use this form to record the presence and abundance of wood ants at individual sites, capture general site and survey information, and data on survey area location, ant nests and nest sites.

Date of survey: Name of surveyor: Region/District:

Section 1: General site information and summary of survey data

Site name (woodland name or nearest place name)		Area of site (hectares)		Ant species present (Fe Fl Fa other*)	
Site location (6-figure National Grid Reference)		Site management (Note recent management activities)		Most common nest size on transect (Small, Medium or Large**)	
Ordnance Survey sheet number		Soil type (soil type or soil series if known)		Elevation of site where nests occur	
Site owner (name, address)		Number of areas surveyed (transects)		Aspect of nests (dominant aspect of population)	
Site status (e.g. SSSI, NNR)		Total area surveyed (m ² or hectares)		Total number of nests	

Section 2: Details of survey areas covered

Survey area name/identifier		Survey area chosen to contain main wood ant colony (yes/no)		Features creating boundary to survey area	
Survey area location (6 figure National Grid Reference)		Survey area chosen because near colony and being managed (yes/no)		Habitat type(s) (NVC if known, main tree species, etc)	
Survey area size (m ² or hectares)		Survey area chosen because being managed (yes/no)		Vegetation description (Main structural elements of ground vegetation, including key indicator spp.)	

Section 3: Details of ants nests recorded in each survey area

Nest number	Ant species present	Nest size	Habitat type nest occurs in (as described in Section 2)	Vegetation type surrounding nest (as described in Section 2)
Nest 1				
Nest 2				
Nest 3				
Nest 4				

Recommended date for resurvey:

**Formica exsecta* (Fe), *Formica lugubris* (Fl), *Formica aquilonia* (Fa), Other (O).
**Small = < 50 cm diameter, Medium = 50–150 cm, Large = >150 cm.