

# Ants in Earlham Cemetery

On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 Doreen Wells, Norfolk County Ant Recorder, visited Earlham Cemetery to record ants. Her findings were as follows:

Earlham Cemetery was a productive site and four ant species were recorded: [Formica fusca](#), [Lasius flavus](#), [Lasius niger](#) and [Myrmica scabrinodis](#). Good habitat in a cemetery usually has these species nesting.

The recording sampled different habitats in the cemetery, so it was a representative sample, rather than a comprehensive survey. The survey was confined to the western part of the eastern section. Ants were widespread in the area covered.

Species	Grid Ref.	Date	Worker	Nest	Further Information
<i>Formica fusca</i>	TG21010866	01/09/2012	1	Yes	Nest in ground near trees.
<i>Formica fusca</i>	TG21020869	01/09/2012	1	Yes	Nest under urn on a grave.
<i>Lasius flavus</i>	TG20900867	01/09/2012	3	Yes	Ant-hill nest on side of grave, several nests in this cemetery.
<i>Lasius flavus</i>	TG21020869	01/09/2012	4	Yes	Nest in ground between grave surround and grassy grave.
<i>Lasius flavus</i>	TG21220873	01/09/2012	3	Yes	Nest on west-facing grassy bank.
<i>Lasius niger s.s.</i>	TG21010869	01/09/2012	1	Yes	Nest in short grass around graves.
<i>Lasius niger s.s.</i>	TG21160873	01/09/2012	1	Yes	South-facing nest in short grass sward along path through cemetery.
<i>Lasius niger s.s.</i>	TG21230866	01/09/2012	2	Yes	Nest with pupae on west-facing grassy bank leading up to cemetery.
<i>Lasius niger s.s.</i>	TG21200874	01/09/2012	4	Yes	Nest in bare patch of earth on grassy south-facing bank.
<i>Myrmica scabrinodis</i>	TG20980867	01/09/2012	1	Yes	Nest on south-facing side of grass covered grave.
<i>Myrmica scabrinodis</i>	TG21160873	01/09/2012	2	Yes	Nest down edge of grave surround on grass covered grave.



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