

# Crematogaster scutellaris

RED-HEADED ACROBAT ANT

## QUICK DESCRIPTION



**Crematogaster scutellaris** is a small species of ant that can be easily found in **southern Europe** and in some parts of **North Africa**. They have the characteristic **heart-shaped abdomen** of the crematogaster species, a **black body** and a **red head**.

## DISTRIBUTION



This beautiful species is native to the land surrounding the Mediterranean. They can be found in several countries, such as **Southern France, Italy and Spain**.

## TEMPERATURE



Crematogaster scutellaris, like many other Mediterranean species, are very adaptable to temperature changes. The ideal temperature for this species is **between 21 and 25 degrees Celsius**. If you live in a cold area or you usually use an air conditioner in the room your ants are in, maybe a **heat mat or a heat cable** could be useful.

## HUMIDITY



When it comes to humidity levels, Crematogaster scutellaris doesn't have extreme demands. They like a range of moisture levels that go **from 50% to 60%**. Consider that in the wild they usually inhabit **dead trees**, some of which are completely dry.



## FOOD



As the sugar source, you can give them **sugar water or some drops of honey**. They really love honey! Given their fast growth rate, they also need a lot of protein. As the source of protein you can give them almost every type of insect. In the wild they love **crickets, worms, fruit flies and spiders**.

## HIBERNATION



Crematogaster scutellaris needs hibernation. They hibernate through the winter, **from around late October to early March**. For this species, the ideal temperature for hibernation is around **10 degrees Celsius**.

## NEST TYPE



When it comes to choosing a formicarium for Crematogaster scutellaris, the perfect and most obvious choice would be a **nest made of wood**. If you can't find a wooden nest, another option would be a **Y-tong nest or a more classic acrylic nest**.