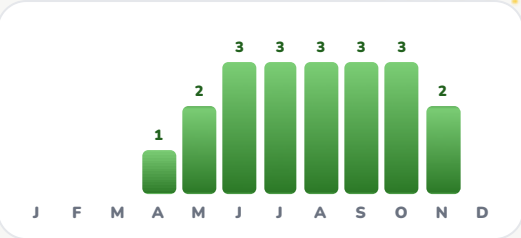
NUPTIAL FLIGHT CALENDAR

Algeria

7 species with a care sheet, and the months their queens fly.



SPECIES	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	TIME OF DAY	WEATHER
Camponotus lateralis				■	■								Afternoon	☼ 🍃
Pheidole pallidula Big-headed ant					■	■	■	■						
Camponotus cruentatus Blood-spotted sugar ant						■	■						Night	☼ 🍃
Camponotus barbaricus						■	■	■					Night	☼ 🍃
Crematogaster scutellaris Acrobat ant								■	■	■				
Messor barbarus Harvester ant									■	■	■			🌧
Messor capitatus European seed harvesting ant									■	■	■		Afternoon	🌧

How to spot a flight

1. Flights start on warm, calm days, often the first sunny afternoon after rain.
2. Look on pavements, walls and lawns: winged queens and males pour out of small holes, with workers rushing around them.
3. Queens that have lost their wings have mated: those are the ones to collect for a new colony.
4. Check your local rules first, and only take a few queens: most species fly over several days.

Beginner · After rain · Hot days · Humid air · Calm weather

Months for temperate Europe and the Mediterranean. The weather decides the exact days, so flights can come earlier or later where you live.