NUPTIAL FLIGHT CALENDAR

Malta

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	
 ***Messor ibericus*** Iberian harvester ant				■	■	■								
 ***Pheidole pallidula*** Big-headed ant					■	■	■	■						
 ***Camponotus barbaricus***						■	■	■					Night	
 ***Plagiolepis pygmaea***						■	■	■						
 ***Crematogaster scutellaris*** Acrobat 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.