NUPTIAL FLIGHT CALENDAR

United Kingdom

9 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
Lasius fuliginosus Jet black ant					■	■	■							
Formica fusca Silky ant						■	■	■					Afternoon	☼
Formica sanguinea Blood-red ant						■	■	■						
Tetramorium caespitum Pavement ant						■	■	■					Morning	
Lasius niger Black garden ant							■	■						☼ 🍃
Lasius alienus							■	■	■					
Lasius flavus Yellow meadow ant							■	■	■				Afternoon	☼ 🍃
Myrmica rubra European fire ant								■	■					🍃
Solenopsis fugax Thief 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.

See what's flying this month, with photos and care sheets:
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