

Lasius emarginatus

(Olivier, 1792)

A small, fast-growing Lasius with a reddish thorax that loves to dig tunnels.



At a glance



NEST TEMPERATURE

21–27 °C

In the nest



NEST HUMIDITY

50–60 %

In the nest



HIBERNATION

5–8 °C

Oct – Mar



NUPTIAL FLIGHTS

Jun – Aug



WORKERS

3–5 mm

All the same size



QUEEN

7–9 mm

One queen



COLONY SIZE

No data yet

Growth: Fast



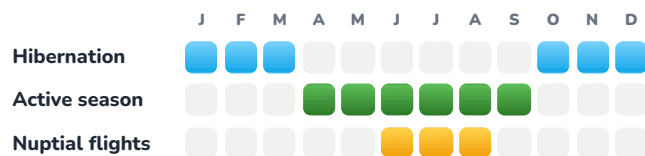
ESCAPE RISK

Medium

Keep an escape barrier on the outworld



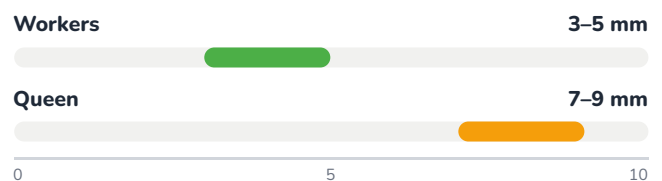
Year at a glance



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



Sizes on the same scale



Care at a glance

FOOD

Sugar

Insects

BEST NESTS

1. Ytong nest
2. Sandwich nest
3. Acrylic nest

WHY THIS RATING

- ✓ Fully clausttral: the queen needs no food until her first workers arrive
- ⚠ Curious workers: keep an escape barrier on the outworld
- ⚠ Needs a cold hibernation, for example in a fridge



From my colonies

TIP

Because the colony grows fast, the brood needs a lot of protein: keep insects like crickets, worms or fruit flies coming alongside the sugar water.

WATCH OUT

Once the colony passes a certain number of workers, its growth turns exponential, so have a bigger nest and outworld ready before it gets crowded.