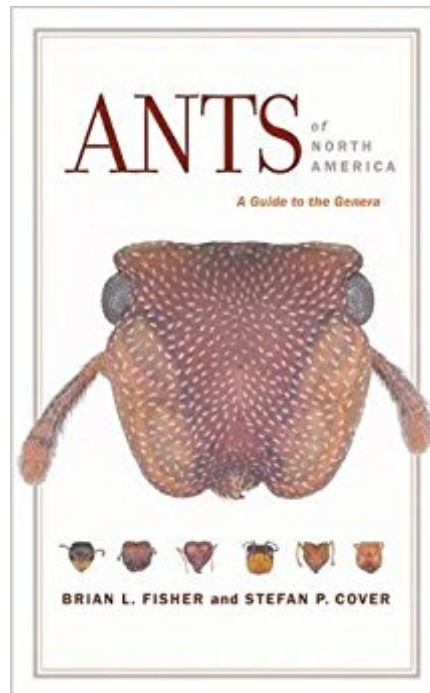




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Ants are among the most conspicuous and the most ecologically important of insects. This concise, easy-to-use, authoritative identification guide introduces the fascinating and diverse ant fauna of the United States and Canada. It features the first illustrated key to North American ant genera, discusses distribution patterns, explores ant ecology and natural history, and includes a list of all currently recognized ant species in this large region. * New keys to the 73 North American ant genera illustrated with 250 line drawings ensure accurate identification* 180 color images show the head and profile of each genus and important species groups* Includes a glossary of important terms

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â œA valuable book. [It] will enlighten anyone with even a slight interest in ants. . . . This book promises to inspire a whole new generation of ant biologists.â • (Quarterly Review Of Biology 2008-06-01)

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I am an entomologist who is interested in ants associated with treehoppers. Brian Fisher's guide to Ant Genera of North America is an excellent guide for ant identification at the generic level. He provides current higher taxonomic placement of the genus to subfamily, number of species in the genus for North America, the key diagnostic characters for the genus to go along with the excellent color facial and lateral pictures of representative species in the genus, and distribution information of some species along with their ecology. The Beginning of the book provides an excellent taxonomic key to the genera with helpful line drawings of the key characters. The end of the book gives a species list for North America, a glossary of terms used in the keys and generic descriptions and a reference list of primary papers on each genus. There has been a dire need among ant workers for an update of Creighton's monumental work of Ants of North America in 1950. This work, provides in a compact format, all that is needed to identify any ant collected in North America to genus. I highly recommend this reference to any naturalist interested in this fascinating group of insects.Dawn F (NC)

I wish I had this book 20 (even 50) years ago. Even though I am a Master Naturalist, I have just recently realized how important ants are both around home (sometimes a pest) and on the prairie. This book has an excellent key (requires learning a few new terms) and nice photographs. Small enough to drop in your day pack along with a high-power hand lens and you can sort out some of the more common genera in the field and on a nature walks. There are some excellent web sites for ants but you can't always get an internet connection on your iPad when you are on the trail.Highly recommended for both the Naturalist and Novice (a little study required). An excellent read.

Written in a friendly and conversational style but not dumbed down. Extremely detailed and intriguing images, now any self directed naturalist can ID any ant to genus, the book also gives best

current sources to ID to species - a fairly liquid affair currently. Highly recommended!

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Excellent coverage of the subject. Presented in a readable fashion. Very good illustrations and photos. Just what I wanted.

This book is an excellent on-the-go resource for identifying ants. However, some of the identification terminology is rather vexing, especially in the case of amateur myrmecologists, despite the glossary in the back of the book. Also, many, if not all of the images in this book, along with many of its species descriptions can be found at antweb.org.

Excellent Key to North American Ants, It cuts to the chase, so to speak.

This helps fill a niche in my library and will definitely make ant identification much easier. I'm going to look over some of my old specimens and check ID accuracy.

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