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The ants you have been sent are Yellow Meadow Ants, (*Lasius flavus*) which are native to the UK. This small yellow-brown ant loves to tunnel and does not have a sting.

#### **TRANSFERRING YOUR ANTS**

Before opening your ants, carefully read the whole of this sheet and the **full instructions supplied with your Ant Habitat**. Now place the unopened ant pot into the refrigerator for 15 minutes. This makes the ants less active and easier to transfer.

Ants can be lively so, if possible, transfer your ants outside. Take the top off the Habitat. Now take the lid off the ant pot and gently tip your ants into the Ant Habitat. Give the pot a tap to get the ants out.

There will still be ants on the blue nutrient paper. Use a small paintbrush or cotton bud to gently sweep the ants from the paper into the Habitat. Replace the top.

#### **HELPFUL HINTS**

Because some ants are more adventurous than others an occasional ant might try to escape out of the air holes. If so, put a small piece of tape over the holes and then, every few days, briefly lift the lid off your Ant Habitat to refresh the air supply.

Within the first week your ants should start tunnelling. If they do not begin tunnelling or if they “huddle”, try putting them into a warmer environment.

Do not leave your ants in the baking heat or outside in icy weather. Try not to knock or shake the Habitat.

If you see a dead ant on the surface, carefully remove it with a cotton bud.

If you have any problems with your ants please contact us on [ants@brainstormltd.co.uk](mailto:ants@brainstormltd.co.uk). If you would like to order further ants please visit [www.brainstormltd.co.uk](http://www.brainstormltd.co.uk).

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