

# Ants

Various species of ants live in the mangroves. Those that live at ground level are apparently able to trap air in their burrows with plugs of mud at high tide.

The Green Ant or Weaver Ant (*Oecophylla smaragdina*) is common in mangroves where it makes nests of interwoven leaves. This aggressive ant feeds on other insects as well as extracting nectar from aphids. The spiney ant plant houses a colony of ants (*Pheidole myrmedoniae*) inside the plant. These ants live in a symbiotic relationship with the plant.



Green Ant