

THE BEGINNING OF AN ANT COLONY

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<p>After hot summer rain, a young queen takes off on her mating flight. She flies into a cloud of male ants and mates in the air.</p>	<p>Afterward, all the males die, and the queen returns to the earth. She breaks her wings off by rubbing them on the ground.</p>	<p>Then she digs a hole in the soft, moist earth and starts laying eggs. She will never leave the nest again.</p>
<p>During the next 3 months, the eggs develop through four stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult ant.</p>	<p>After they have hatched, the first workers assume the duties of the colony-- searching for food and protecting the queen.</p>	