

FACT SHEET - TERMITES

Latin Name

Order Isoptera. Over 300 different species in Australia alone though only a handful are considered significant pests. Often called 'white ants' or even borers – DO NOT DISTURB THEM!

Description

Ranging from less than 4mm to the giant termites north of the tropic of Capricorn. Often incorrectly referred to as 'white ants', termites are best identified by a qualified termite inspector.

Habits

Can be subterranean or dry wood

Control Methods

Always depends on the species and the home itself. Most important – DO NOT DISTURB!!!!

Baiting systems or chemical applications will be equally effective if applied in the correct suitable situation. Never attempt an amateur control. Termites cause \$900 million worth of damage in Australia each year. You need a professional!!!

Always check the credentials of your inspector, not the company, whilst some companies claim 30 years experience, the inspector himself may not. Make sure they are experienced and qualified, ask to see a licence.

