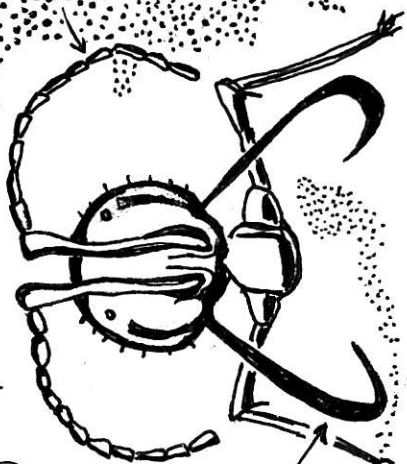


Army ants of South America roam the forests in groups of 700,000.



long teeth to catch food

antenna to sense the world

Leafcutter ants use leaves as fertilizer to grow huge mushroom gardens underground...



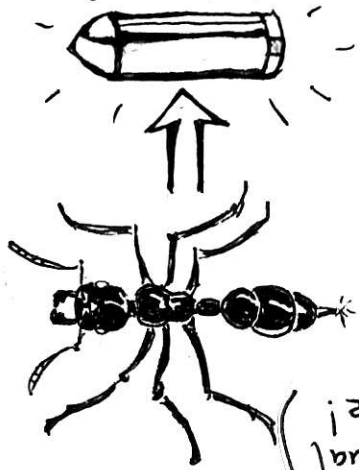
ant keeping watch for attacks by flies



The honey pot ant stores sugar water for its sisters like a bottle hanging from the ceiling

in the desert...

These ants live in the Amazon forest. They are called "Bullet ants" because their sting hurts that bad.



(actual size!)



Weaver ants spin silk and knit leaves together to make a home.



ants were on the sidewalk today, and in my kitchen... sometimes annoying, always many, and actually amazing

so remember, it's not just "red ants" or "black ants" => there are over 15,000 kinds of ants in the world, all doing something different: planting wildflower seeds, turning the soil (& perhaps spoiling a picnic...)



ants.