

# DAMPWOOD TERMITE INFO SHEET

## **FAST FACTS**

- Termites have been around since the time of the dinosaurs!
- Termite colonies eat non-stop — 24 hours a day, seven days a week!
- Termites cause up to \$2 *billion* of damages per year!
- The total weight of all of the termites in the world is more than the weight of all the humans in the world.

## **General Information**

Dampwood termites are normally larger in size than other termite species. Like Drywood Termites, Dampwood colonies don't have workers. Young termites called "false workers" do all the work for the colony.

<b>Size</b>	1/2" to 5/8"	<b>Common Name</b>	Dampwood Termites
<b>Shape</b>	Long, narrow, oval	<b>Kingdom</b>	Animalia
<b>Color</b>	Brownish	<b>Phylum</b>	Arthropoda
<b>Legs</b>	6	<b>Class</b>	Insecta
<b>Wings</b>	Yes	<b>Order</b>	Isoptera
<b>Antenna</b>	Yes	<b>Family</b>	Hodotermitidae
		<b>Genus Species</b>	Various

## **Diet**

Dampwood termites like to live and feed in very moist wood.

## **Habitat**

Because they need lots of moisture, Dampwood Termites usually live in damp, dying wood or in houses with leaking plumbing that keeps the wood wet.

## **Impact**

Dampwood termites don't carry disease and don't usually bother buildings because there isn't enough water in the wood.

## **Prevention**

\* To avoid Dampwood termites, make sure water drains away from your house and keep damp wood away from your home.

To learn more about this and other termites, visit <http://www.pestworldforkids.org/termites.html>