

# Longlegged ant (*Anoplolepis gracilipes*)

- ❑ Native to Africa, introduced into HI from where it is frequently intercepted.
- ❑ Hosts: Intercepted in shipments of cut herbs, flowers and palms (*i.e.* Basil; Betel; Ti; *Heliconia*; Ginger; Coriander; *Anthurium*; *Dendrobium*; *Chamaedorea*; *Raphis*). Adults feed on honeydew, and are associated with colonies of aphids which they protect.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult about 4-5 mm long, **reddish yellow**, with **very long legs and antennae**; antenna with **11 segments**; abdominal pedicel with **1 node** and **acidophore** (ring of hairs at the tip of the abdomen) present.

