

Crazy ants (*Paratrechina* spp.)

- ❑ Cosmopolitan; native species in CA and intercepted in shipments from HI, FL, and Puerto Rico.
- ❑ Hosts: Colonies nest in soil, rotten wood on trees and bromeliads; intercepted in shipments of vegetables, cut herbs and flowers, orchids, houseplants and palms.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult about 1.5-3.5 mm long, **reddish brown or yellow**; antenna with **12 segments**; body with **numerous bristles** (strong hairs), abdominal pedicel with **1 node** and **acidophore** present.

