

Big-headed ant (*Pheidole megacephala*)

- ❑ Distributed from FL to South America (Brazil); frequently intercepted in shipments from HI and FL.
- ❑ Hosts: Intercepted in shipments of cut herbs and flowers, palms and fruits. Colonies do best in relatively moist, disturbed habitats.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult about 3-5 mm long, **brownish yellow to reddish brown**, antenna with **12 segments** and **3-segmented club**; **top of head smooth and shiny**, and **reticulate-striate** between antennae only in big-headed soldiers (majors); abdominal pedicel with **2 nodes** and **propodeal spines**.

