

Drywood Termites

QUICK STATS:



Color:

Creamy white to light brown



Shape:

Long, narrow and oval



Size:

$\frac{3}{8}$ – 1 inch long



Region:

Primarily found coastally from South Carolina westward to Texas and up the west coast of California



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Family Kalotermitidae

OVERVIEW:

Drywood termites are social insects. They infest dry wood, like that found in attic framing. Unlike most termite species, drywood termites do not require contact with the soil. Swarming drywood termites fly into structures and infest wood directly.

HABITS:

Drywood termites form colonies of up to 2,500 members. Unlike subterranean termites, drywood termite colonies do not have a worker caste. The work is done by immature termites before they reach adulthood.

THREATS:

Drywood termites can infest structures and cause significant structural damage. They can chew through support beams, floors and walls, causing expensive repairs.

PREVENTION:

- Avoid wood-to-ground contact around the perimeter of your home.
- Routinely inspect your home for signs of drywood termites. Pay special attention to window/door frames, trim, eaves, siding and attics.
- If you suspect a termite problem, contact a licensed pest professional right away.

DID YOU KNOW? Drywood termites...

- can be transported to new locations via an infested piece of furniture, a picture frame, etc.
- usually swarm on sunny, warm days after a sudden rise in temperature.
- and other termite species cause a collective \$5 billion in property damage each year.

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