



The Bullet Ant

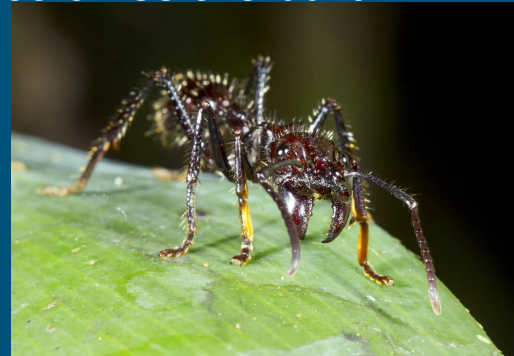
Brazilian Name: Satere-Mawe
Latin Name: Paraponera Clavata



Where do we find Bullet Ants?

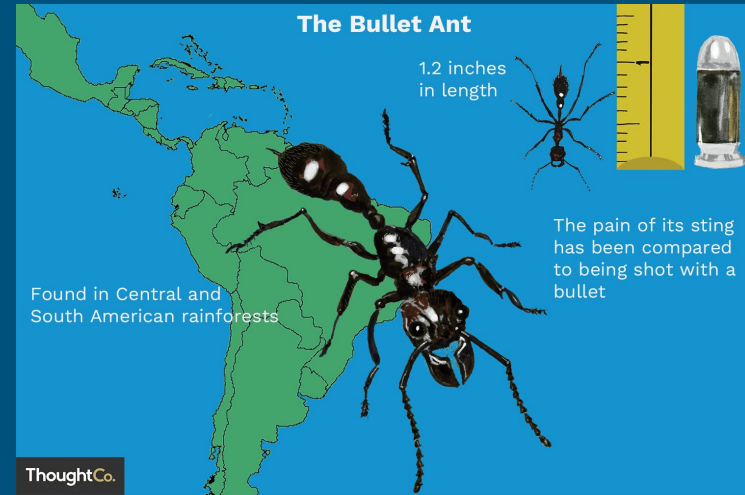
The Dangerous Bullet Ant is native to many countries. These countries are : Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil. Bullet ants lurk around every treacherous corner of The Amazon Rainforest.

Bullet Ants live in colonies underneath the forest floor. These underground colonies contain many passageways and chambers. These colonies are built near trees so they can forage in the canopy.



The Bullet Ants Appearance

The Bullet Ant can grow up to 3 centimeters in length, which is very similar to the size of a bullet. They are a reddish-black colour with big pincers and a visible stinger.



Who are the bullet ant's prey and predators?

The bullet ant is very dangerous because of its sting. The bullet ant's sting is said to be the most painful stinger of any insect.

So, what do they hunt. A bullet ant's diet is made up of nectar, other small insects, and small vertebrates such as Frogs.

But, even though they are one of the most powerful insects alive they too have many predators among all their prey. The bullet ant is hunted by the mighty Cane Toad, which can grow up to 24 cm, and the parasitic phorid fly.



How do they protect themselves and the Queen?

They use their powerful stinger and large venom to protect themselves. Bullet ants aren't aggressive but they can be when protecting their home colonies and when protecting themselves.



What is a threat to its survival?

Loss of habitat due to deforestation. The Bullet ant is also threatened by parasites and obviously its prey discussed in the last slide. The bullet ant will even prey on its own kind.

Fun Facts

- 1)The Bullet Ants sting is said to be similar to the pain of being shot!
- 2)The sting off of the bullet ant naturally dissipates (Disappear) after a whole 24 hours!
- 3)They are one of the largest ant species!
- 4)They have their very own parasite!