



Jack Jumper Ant Allergy



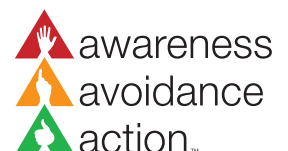
Most Australian native stinging ants are from the genus **Myrmecia**. Myrmecia are broadly subdivided into "Jumper ants" and "Bull Dog ants". Bull Dog ants are large, around 15-25 mm long, whereas Jumper ants are generally 10 to 15mm long and often display jerky, jumping movements. Jumper Ants are also known as "Hopper Ants" or "Skipper Ants" in South Australia.

The Jumper Ant most frequently associated with allergic reactions is the *Myrmecia pilosula* species complex, commonly known as the "Jack Jumper Ant" (JJA), "Jack Jumper" or "Jumping Jack".



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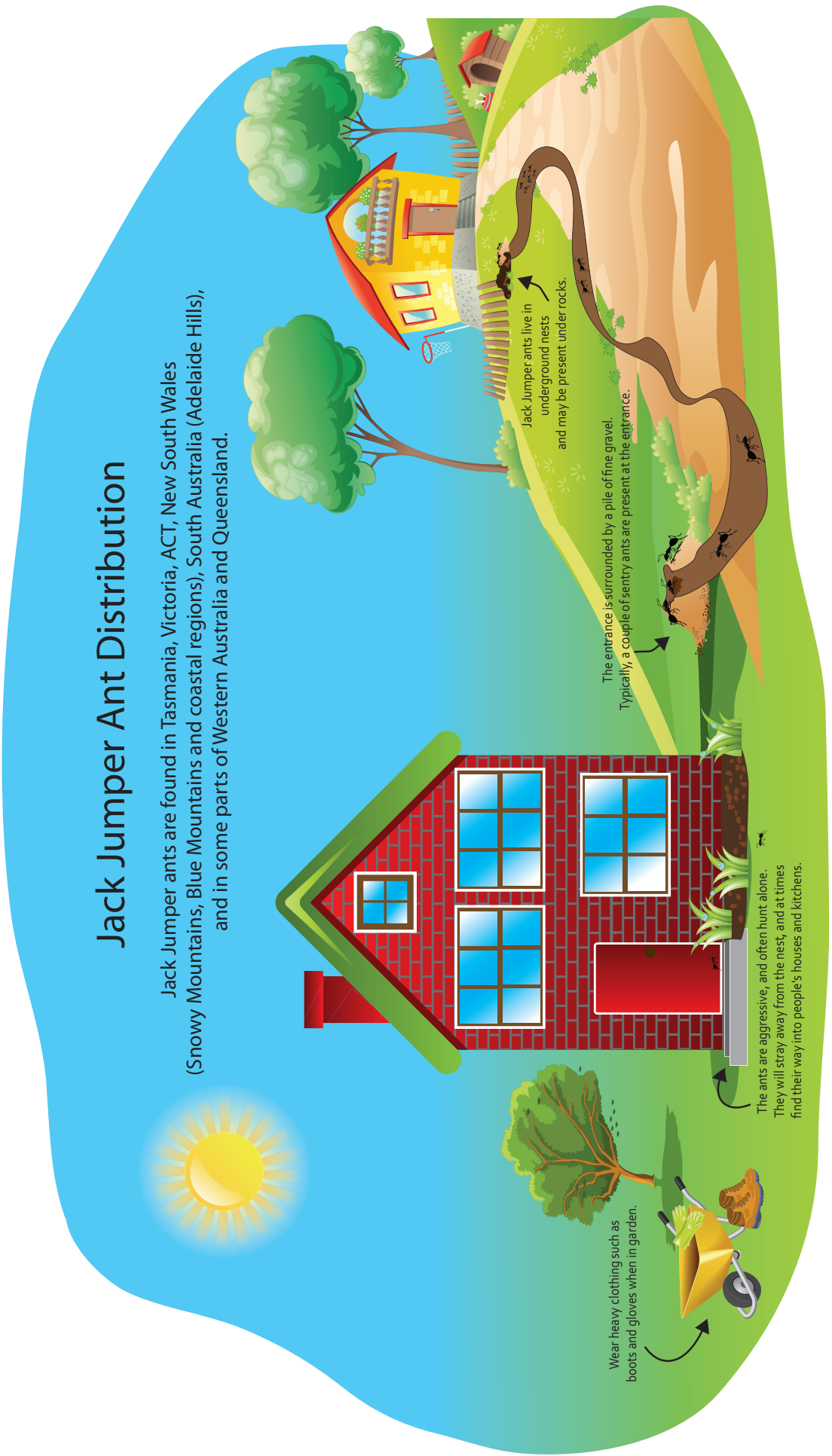
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Helpsheet



Jack Jumper Ant Distribution

Jack Jumper ants are found in Tasmania, Victoria, ACT, New South Wales (Snowy Mountains, Blue Mountains and coastal regions), South Australia (Adelaide Hills), and in some parts of Western Australia and Queensland.



Wear heavy clothing such as boots and gloves when in garden.

The ants are aggressive, and often hunt alone. They will stray away from the nest, and at times find their way into people's houses and kitchens.

The entrance is surrounded by a pile of fine gravel. Typically, a couple of sentry ants are present at the entrance.

Jack Jumper ants live in underground nests and may be present under rocks.



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