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Home shifting in extreme heat can cause openings for insects or animals.....

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This has been a very hot summer for us in North Texas. I remember when my advisor at Purdue, Dr. Gary Bennett was visiting Dallas in the last extreme heat wave in 1980. He told me no one was swimming in the pool at the hotel because it was so warm. Its been a long time since Texas pools have been this warm and our landscapes have been this parched. You should take the opportunity to walk around the outside of your home (best in the morning so you will survive the heat) and do a little self check for developing cracks due to shifting of your home/foundation. These openings can lead to the entrance of a variety of insects, and if they are large enough to put in your fingers than they are also large enough for rodents to squeeze into and they will use these avenues to enter your home. I have found over the years at my home that the placement of soaker hoses around the



Crack that has opened up near foundation.



Crack near doorframe.

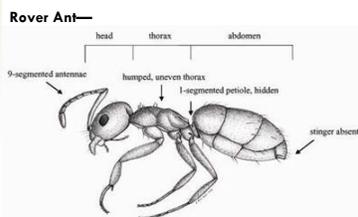
foundation that are set on a timer that turns on every 2-3 days has a dramatic effect to reduce these openings and keep the foundation in good shape and limit the shifting the occurs during this extreme heat. We would be happy to help you install such a set-up at your home. Just give us a call and I will come out and see what is needed to establish this system at your home and give you a bid. Remember that a sprinkler system in the yard while taking care of your grass does not always soak the foundation properly.—David

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Insect of the Quarter:

Rover Ant

- Rover ants are dark brown to pale blond in color.
- Range from 1/16-inch to 1/12-inch in length.
- Rover ants nest under stones in the soil or in rotting wood.
- A tiny South American species that has been working its way under the radar across the southern US



Rover Ant, *Brachymyrmex patagonicus*, by Joe MacGown.

Ants love the heat but we still want them out of your kitchen!

We have had an abundance of ant calls recently. They are out in droves looking to forage inside and outside of your home. Many species are noticeable this time of year, but in particular the Acrobat Ants, Odorous House Ants, Crazy Ants and Rover Ants. To help control these pests it is always good if you can limit the

amount of shrubs tight against the house and trim back any branches that touch the house from trees to remove access points for the ants. Keep kitchen counters clean and spilled foods off the floor that attract them inside.