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**Go Cougars! Whoohoo! It's the EPCS Cougar News and today we are going to talk about ants, one of the most common species of the insect world!**

## Fun facts about ants:

**Did you know that there are over 12,000 ant species WORLDWIDE!**

Over millions of years, ants have developed some very interesting abilities. For example, some species of ants such as Bullet ants and Fire ants are known to have some of the most painful stings! In fact, Fire ant stings are known to cause a sensation of feeling like you are on fire and are especially destructive. They have caused over 3 billion dollars worth of damage to human beings. Whereas Bullet ant stings are reported to feel like getting shot. Ouch! These ants developed these type of stings through evolution to protect themselves from predators like lizards and small animals.

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## **MORE Fun facts About ants:**

**Believe it or not... Ants do live longer than any other insect species and the queen...she can live up to 30 whole years!(Well, as long as you don't step on them!)**

**Ants are one of the strongest creatures on Earth, they can hold a rock 50x more weight than themselves! Have you ever seen how small they are?! Imagine how much weight they could hold all together combined!**

**Male ants have wings and have an easy life compared to worker ants. The only function of male ants are to mate with their queen.**

**Ants don't have ears, and some of them don't have eyes! Now we wonder how they know if we're coming for them!**



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