

Termite

Schedorhinotermes sp.



Adaptation to environment

- Protect themselves underground in tunnels & above-ground by plastering “shelter tubes” on timber they are eating; tubes constructed from faecal matter & materials from environment
- Safety in numbers: colonies can have very large populations of many thousands of termites, making it unlikely that predators could destroy whole colony.

Feeding Relationships

What do I eat?

- Dead trees, as well as buried timber.

What eats me?

- Echidnas
- Blind Snakes
- Ants & other predatory insects

- Castes: Queen, king, soldier, worker, reproductive
- Two sizes of soldiers with different shaped heads & jaws: major soldiers (5-7 mm) & minor soldiers (3-5 mm).