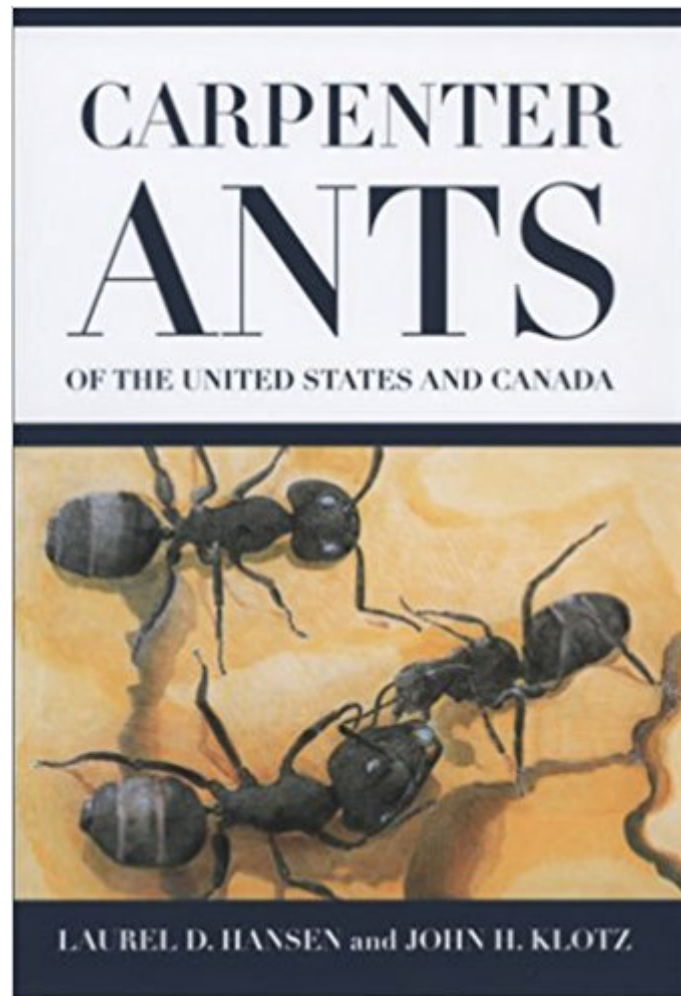


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Synopsis

The carpenter ant is one of the most common and destructive pests affecting homes and businesses. However, in natural areas, these ants also play an important role in forest ecology: they break down dead wood and are the principal food source of the pileated woodpecker. In the first book devoted entirely to carpenter ants, Laurel D. Hansen and John H. Klotz cover the ants' life history and foraging behavior, then turn to their economic importance. The authors provide a comprehensive overview of carpenter ant ecology, morphology, taxonomy, and distribution as well as a detailed chapter on control and management that will appeal especially to urban pest control programs and pest management officials. *Carpenter Ants of the United States and Canada* is illustrated with distribution maps, 94 halftones, 52 line drawings, and 24 color plates on a four-page insert.

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great book for the entomologists interested in camponotus spp. ants

wanted to get information on carpenter ants as they have made many communities around my place...they're everywhere! this book is actually more than i asked for, a lot of information. slightly text bookish, but it is thorough and appears to cover all aspects of the carpenter ant. maybe i will make friends with the hundreds, thousands...millions of my "neighbors". need to read further. p.s. many different types of carpenter ants, and pictures very helpful.

For years I thought this was a book I would like to have for my work. Now I have it, I'm glad. It's well written, clear, organized. I have attended Ms. Hansen's classes in the past and this book is a perfect extension of those much appreciated classes.

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authors. As a 4-H entomology kid who roamed the woods and rolled dead logs to break open ant colonies, *Camponotus pennsylvanicus* was the first ant species I learned to recognize by scientific name. Today, an entomologist could spend his or her lifetime studying just this genus, and this is a book that pulls together what has been learned up to now, to establish the baseline for future research.

Dr. Hansen has compiled a complete guide to the carpenter ants of the US and Canada including keys, description of species, habitats, behavior, and other interesting facts. I recommend this publication to all who are involved with the identification and management recommendations of urban pests.

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