

## **LASIVS NIGER (4) COLONY JOURNAL**

### **9 March 2008**

I have to confess that I have had this colony since about October 2007, but for some reason I had totally forgotten to mention them on my site. Doh!

Oh well, here's what I can tell you about them so far;

I obtained them from Antstore in October, or perhaps November of 2007, and placed them into an Antstore Starter Kit. I can't remember if I got this with the colony, or if it was a spare. Anyway, they appear to have dug into the sand, and that is the last I have seen of them due to the fact that they are hibernating right now. As far as I am aware there are about 12 workers, 1 queen, but I am not sure if there is any brood just yet.

### **15 April 2008**

These ants are now out of hibernation and seemed to have carried out a little excavation work. The colony is now underground but as yet the nest is so small that no chamber is visible against the glass sides. It is only a matter of time until the nest extends enough to be seen into.

### **08 May 2008**

I placed a piece of freshly killed cricket into the foraging tank of this colony about 2 hours ago, and on checking just now I can see two tiny workers examining the food. This is good news as once the ants start to recognise that food can always be found there, so their foraging habits in that area should increase.

There has also been some obvious nest expansion recently, judging by the sand particles being piled up around the nest entrance.

### **9 August 2008**

Due to the lack of time that I have to dedicate to my many ant colonies, I have decided to give several of them away, and this colony is one of them. Therefore this journal is now closed. Sorry for any disappointment to those that may have been following the progress of this colony.

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