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How Do Ants Reproduce?

Short Answer Key

1. Male ants typically die after the nuptial flight.
2. After mating, the queen lands, sheds her wings, and finds a suitable location to start a colony.
3. The gestation period for ant eggs is a few days to a few weeks.
4. The queen ant's ability to store sperm ensures she can lay eggs throughout her lifetime without needing to mate again.
5. Worker ants feed the larvae, clean the nest, and protect the young from predators.

