

Blindschleichen (*Anguis f. fragilis*) in Nestern der Kerbameise *Formica (Coptoformica) exsecta*

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Slow-worms (*Anguis f. fragilis*) in nests of the narrow-headed ant *Formica (Coptoformica) exsecta*

Several colony systems of the narrow-headed ant *Formica (Coptoformica) exsecta* are known from open habitats in woodlands near the lake Müritz (northeastern Germany, Müritz-Nationalpark). Two of these large colonies were controlled in summer 2000 regarding the occurrence of slow-worms (*Anguis f. fragilis*) in non-living ant nests. One slow-worm individual was found in each of the two colonies. But the authors even observed a slow-worm in an intact living nest. Results are discussed referring to the ant colony structures and the slow-worm behaviour.