

Harvesting Termites

While most termites look for food underground or in mud tunnels they build over dead wood, some are literally farmers, cutting and storing hay.

Many termites will go about in the dark of night chewing off pieces of wood that are taken back to their nest. In the nest the wood is stored or cured before being eaten. Some termites cannot digest the wood, so they keep underground gardens of fungi that break the wood down for them so they can digest it. But in any case, most termites never see the light of day—or even the darkness of night.

But there is one species of African termite that seeks its food in the open. This termite lives in large, dome-shaped mounds that cover a huge radiating network of tunnels. On warm, nights, the termites leave their nest and go out onto the open grasslands looking for dry clumps of grass. When they find one, as many as 5,000 individuals cover the clump, each one chewing the grass into thin, half-inch-long strips to be carried back to the nest. The grass is stored underground as the termites built up a food supply to get them through the winter.

But this African termite's habit of harvesting and storing food for winter is one that humans supposedly did not evolve until only recently in their supposed evolutionary history. How can anyone believe that termites could figure out how to harvest and store food before humans did? Even the termite tells us we were created.

Proverbs 6:6-8

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."

Prayer: Dear Lord; I thank You that Your creation is filled with so much intelligence. Take my intelligence into Your service, refine it, and make me better able to witness Your truth and love in Jesus Christ to those around me. Amen.