Pheidole pallidula is a small fast-growing species of ant. This species is easily recognizable by the characteristic large head of the majors. For this reason, they are also informally called “big-headed ants”.

**DISTRIBUTION**

Pheidole pallidula is mainly a west-Mediterranean species, but can easily be found all across Europe and in some parts of North Africa.

**TEMPERATURE**

Pheidole pallidula, like many other Mediterranean species, are very adaptable to temperature changes. The ideal temperature for this species is between 21 and 28 degrees Celsius. If you live in a cold area or you usually use an air conditioner in the room your ants are in, maybe a heat mat or a heat cable could be useful.

**HUMIDITY**

When it comes to humidity levels, Pheidole pallidula doesn’t have extreme demands. They like a range of moisture levels that go from 50% to 60%. One thing you have to take into account is that this species doesn’t like extremely dry climates. If you notice that your nest dries out too quickly, you may have to consider changing the setup a bit.

**FOOD**

As the sugar source, you can give them sugar water or some drops of honey. Given their fast growth rate, they also need a lot of protein. As the source of protein you can give them almost every type of insect. In the wild they love crickets, worms, fruit flies and spiders. Pheidole pallidula also likes to eat some types of small seeds.

**HIBERNATION**

Pheidole pallidula needs hibernation. They hibernate through the winter, from around late November to early March. For this species, the ideal temperature for hibernation is around 15 degrees Celsius.

**NEST TYPE**

The most important thing you have to consider when choosing the formicarium for Pheidole pallidula is that they are notoriously extremely good escape artists. One of the best solutions to this problem is using an acrylic nest. Another option could be a more naturalistic setup.