

# What's eating you? ant-induced alopecia (pheidole).

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## Abstract

Ant-induced alopecia is a rare cause of acute, localized, nonscarring hair loss. It is most commonly caused by *Pheidole pallidula* ants, which can be found worldwide but are most common in Iran. The resulting alopecia can have many morphologic patterns (eg, patch, linear, nondiscrete) and thus ant-induced alopecia should be considered in the differential diagnosis for patients from endemic areas who present with new-onset localized hair loss. The condition is self-limited; however, patients should be evaluated for other more common causes of alopecia, especially in the absence of a convincing history.