

A Study on the Termite Activity in Brisbane Houses

We see in the pie graph the ratio of yards infested and structural infestation. These inspections were carried out from November 2003 until October 2006.

The bar graph shows the ratio of different genus when found. Clearly the *Schedorhinotermes* is sighted more than all the other species put together. When termites are found in the house there is only a 50% chance they will be found in the garden as well. Almost 1 in 2 houses had activity in the garden and 1 in 5.5 with activity in the house.

The problem with these figures is that they may not be completely random. Home owners may be calling for an inspection because they suspect or have found termites on their property thereby increasing the likely hood of finding the termites during an inspection. Attempting transect methodologies on 100 houses to compare the randomness of these results only produced a 1 % interest from home owners even when the examination was offered free.

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