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Ants Who Garden



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Creator, we would expect that He would have taught many kinds of creatures to care for plants or even trees.

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In studying this, researchers removed the ants from some of these trees. Within two to fifteen months, the tree is dead. Without the ants' care, animals eat off all the leaves, and surrounding plants overrun it.

How could two so very different kinds of life develop such a close relationship? This results in a great mystery for evolution. Without ants, you couldn't evolve the tree, and without the tree, the ants couldn't learn to care for it. You can't get around it. Both were created fully formed, and the Creator taught the ants how to care for the tree.

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