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Feel free to use the photo. It was taken at the Selva Bananito lodge (www.selvabananito.com). The caching occurred where the ant trail crossed a footpath. I observed the caching on 2 consecutive days in the first week of April.

Steve

--- a sanjuan <asjbiotek@gmail.com> wrote:

> btw, that's actually a cool pic. If you don't mind,
> i'd like to add it to
> the images section and credit you of course....where
> in costa rica did you
> see this?
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> thanks,
> asj
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> On Sun, Apr 13, 2008 at 2:34 AM, a sanjuan
> <asjbiotek@gmail.com> wrote:
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> > Hi,
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> > That is actually a fairly common behavior in
> leafcutters called "caching".
> > The ants normally form caches close to
> obstructions, but later "clean them
> > up".
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> > A paper on this is:
> > Adam Hart, Francis Ratniek, Leaf caching in Atta
> leafcutting ants:
> > discrete cache formation