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Tab. S1. Effect of light cycles (LD or DD) on the strength of daily rhythms (linear mixed model). Colony ID and worker types/morphological castes were treated as random effects. (strength of daily rhythms ~ light condition (LD or DD) + (1/colony) + (1/caste))

| Sp. | Estimate | Std. Error | df | t value | p value |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Camponotus vitiosus | -0.002 | 0.0025 | 340.99 | -0.93 | 0.35 |
| Formica japonica | 0.013 | 0.0037 | 69.2 | 3.58 | < 0.001 |
| Lasius japonicus | -0.0004 | 0.0031 | 0.017 | -0.149 | 0.88 |
| Nylanderia flavipes | 0.0004 | 0.002 | 0.33 | 0.18 | 0.85 |
| Pristomyrmex punctatus | 0.0042 | 0.0003 | 0.0035 | 11.9 | < 0.001 |

Tab. S2. Comparison of the strength of daily rhythms among species. The different letter indicates significant differences in the Tukey-Kramer test (p < 0.05). n.s. means no significant differences.

| sp. | LD | DD |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Camponotus vitiosus | 0.048±0.02 c | 0.051±0.027 n.s |
| Formica japonica | 0.064±0.027 b | 0.053±0.024 n.s |
| Lasius japonicus | 0.048±0.024 c | 0.049±0.017 n.s |
| Nylanderia flavipes | 0.055±0.02 bc | 0.054±0.02 n.s |
| Pristomyrmex punctatus | 0.098±0.053 a | 0.052±0.021 n.s |



Fig. S1. Head size in *Camponotus vitiosus* (a) and temporal body color change of callows (b) and pupal stages (c) in *Formica japonica*. The body colors were recorded every day after post-emergence. We recorded pupal stage when their body color characteristics changed (no data of day).



Fig. S2. Periodicity of circadian activity rhythms in five ant species. The periodicity (h) of an individual ant was calculated by a chi-square periodogram using five days activity data.





Fig. S3. Double-plotted actogram of individual major workers in *Camponotus vitiosus.* Major workers under the LD (a), the minor under the DD (b) and majors under the DD conditions (c). These six workers had lower ratio (< 0.35) of daytime activity per total activity (the number at upper left).