



## Mosquito Facts

- A mosquito only weighs 1/25,000 of an ounce.
- Mosquitoes are responsible for more human deaths than any other living creature.
- There are over 2,500 species of mosquitoes scattered throughout the world.
- Hundreds of thousands of mosquitoes are born every day.
- Most adult mosquitoes live for about two weeks.
- Only female mosquitoes bite—they need the protein for their eggs.
- Male mosquitoes survive by sucking on nectar and other plant juices.
- The welt that appears after a mosquito bites is an allergic reaction to the saliva that is injected into your skin.
- Light colors are less attractive to mosquitoes than dark colors; thus, mosquitoes are more likely to choose a victim wearing darker colors.
- Mosquitoes are found all over the world, even in cold places like the Arctic.
- Mosquitoes prefer dark places like trees, grass and shrubs.
- Like humans, mosquitoes have food preferences—not all mosquito species bite humans, some prefer birds, horses, frogs or turtles.
- Dragonflies are some of the largest insects. They are beneficial insects--predators of smaller insects such as mosquitoes and crop pests
- Ticks are arachnids, as are chiggers, spiders and mites.
- A mosquito can detect a moving target at 18 ft away
- The average life span of a female mosquito is 3 to 100 days. The male lives 10 to 20 days.
- A mosquito flies an estimated 1 to 1.5 miles per hour.