

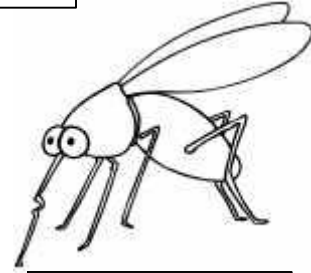
# Mosquitoes



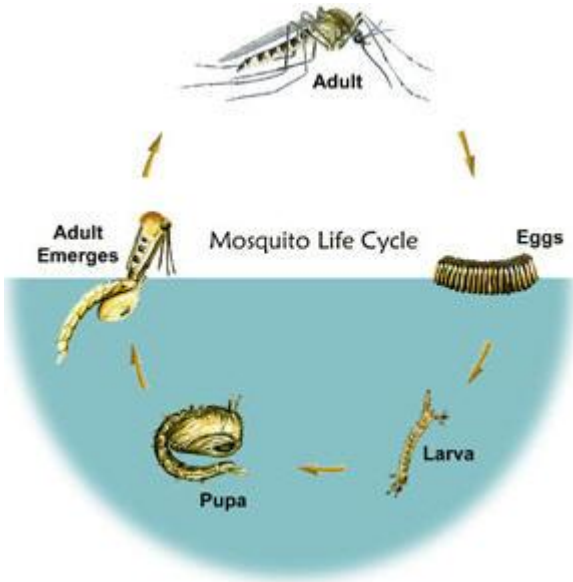
Around the world **mosquitoes are a major source of death and disease**. Diseases spread by them include malaria, yellow fever, encephalitis, and dengue fever.

In the Pacific Northwest they are mainly a annoyance. There is a threat of West Nile Virus, however. And it makes sense to take preventive steps to avoid mosquito bites.

Mosquitoes have 4 stages of life cycle; egg, larva, pupa and adult. The female lays eggs in water and the larva and pupa stage spend their entire life in water.



I may look cute but I'm a dangerous pest!



**Mosquito Facts**

Mosquito is Spanish for Little Fly

Only adult females bite

Mosquitoes are attracted to you body heat and carbon dioxide

Mosquito eggs hatch into larva which are called "wigglers which molt several times before they change into the pupa stage

Larva are important food sources for some fish.

Ways to reduce exposure to mosquitoes include wearing protective clothing, using a repellent with DEET, and screening doors and windows. The biggest thing you can do around your home is to eliminate standing water where mosquitoes may breed.

It takes very little standing water to create a mosquito breeding area. Be thorough in looking for standing water in areas that may overlooked, such as old tires, buckets, bird baths, water pots, fountains and wading pools.



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