

Aedes triseriatus, is just one of the mosquitoes that breeds in tree-holes and containers around your home and neighborhood.



Photo: Robert Collins, 2013

Container-Breeding Mosquitoes are a Danger to Humans and Pets

- Aggressive day-time biters
- Can transmit viruses that cause encephalitis diseases such as West Nile Virus, La Crosse and Eastern Equine encephalitis
- Can transmit the parasite responsible for heartworm in dogs and cats

ARE YOU RAISING MOSQUITOES IN YOUR BACKYARD?

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North Carolina has several species of mosquitoes that are 'container breeders' and require very little water to lay eggs and breed. You can help control mosquitoes by removing stagnant water from around your home. Inspect your property for any items that will hold water, such as buckets, flower pots and even trash. They can also lay eggs in any plants that hold water such as inside tree holes, and flowering plants like bromeliads. Make sure fishponds are stocked with mosquitofish or other species that will eat mosquito larvae.

Here are a few suggestions of places to check for stagnant water.

- Rain gutters and lawn drains
- Rain barrels
- Bird baths and small fountains
- Children's outdoor toys
- Pools and spas
- Tarps
- Buckets, cans or old tires
- Leaky faucets

Fight the Bite!

Aedes albopictus, aka the Asian Tiger Mosquito

Photo by Paul Lantos, 2008



Prevention is the best defense against mosquitoes

Did you know:

- There are over 60 kinds of mosquitoes commonly found in the state
- Mosquitoes are responsible for more human deaths worldwide than any other animal.
- In North Carolina, mosquitoes can transmit diseases like Eastern equine encephalitis, West Nile virus and La Crosse encephalitis.

Protect yourself by:

- Eliminating breeding areas by reducing standing water around your home.
- Wearing long pants and long sleeves when outdoors in warm weather.
- Using insect repellents according to label directions.
- Keeping screen doors and window screens in good repair.

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