



WE WANT

YOUR

TICKS



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GRAB A FREE TICK KIT!

1. Put any ticks you pull off yourself into tubes provided in the kits

- *Only ticks pulled off of humans (not animals) should be submitted*
- Take care not to spill the preserving liquid!
- No more than half each tube should be full of ticks (if more than one)
- All ticks should be from the same time and place of collection
- Ticks from different time and place of collection should be sent in a separate tick kit
- If more tubes are needed, grab an additional tick kit or email dradams4@ncsu.edu and additional supplies may be sent to a provided mailing address

2. Fill out the short survey with information on where the tick(s) was collected and collector information

- Each survey should refer to one time and place of collection

3. Sign and date the informed consent form provided in the tick kit as required by NCSU human research office

4. Place the tubes and survey into the return envelope and drop it in the mail!

Survey Instructions

Please fill out this survey as accurately as possible. No information will be shared, and you will not be identified from your responses. If you cannot remember the exact time and date of collection, please estimate approximately. If you are filling this survey out for a child, please fill in the appropriate survey information for the child.

1. What kind of tick do you think this is?
2. What were you doing when you picked up the tick(s)?
3. Where did you pick up the tick(s)?
Please include a county of collection.
(ex: White Pines Nature Preserve, Chatham County)
4. At what approximate time and day did you pick up the tick(s)? (Not when you found the tick on you)
5. What type of habitat were you in when you picked up the tick? (ex: Forest, Tall grass, etc.)
6. County of Residence:
7. Ethnicity:
8. Age:
9. Gender:
10. If you would like general information about the tick(s) you are submitting including identification and prevention, please provide an email address, and NC State Entomology will respond as soon as possible. **Note: NCSU can't provide testing information for your submitted ticks.**

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Exempt Consent Form - Surveys

Title of Study: Evaluating a citizen science approach to tick surveillance and exposure risk in North Carolina

IRB Protocol: 25948

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You are being asked to complete a survey for research purposes. The survey is about human exposure to ticks in North Carolina. You can expect that this survey will take roughly 3 minutes.

You must be 18 years of age or older and reside in North Carolina (United States) to participate in this study. If under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must complete the survey and mail the tick kit instead.

For this study, you will complete one survey containing questions on your tick collection data, demographic data (age, ethnicity, gender), and locality data (collection time and date) pertaining to the person who collected the tick. Completing this survey is voluntary and you can stop at any time by discarding the survey. You may additionally contact Dayvion Adams (dradams4@ncsu.edu, 281-736-5533) if you wish to remove your data after it has been submitted.

The data collected about you from this survey will be stored in accordance with NC State data protection standards.

You will not receive any payment for completing this survey.

If you have any questions about the research or how it is implemented, please contact the researcher, Dayvion Adams, at dradams4@ncsu.edu and 281-736-5533. You can also contact the faculty advisor for this research, Michael Reiskind, at mehreisiki@ncsu.edu and [919-515-0719](tel:919-515-0719). Please reference study number 25948 when contacting anyone about this project.

If you have questions about your rights as a participant or are concerned with your treatment throughout the research process, please contact the NC State University IRB Director at IRB-Director@ncsu.edu, 919-515-8754, or fill out a confidential form online at <https://research.ncsu.edu/administration/compliance/research-compliance/irb/irb-forms-and-templates/participant-concern-and-complaint-form/>

If you consent to complete this survey, please sign on the back page.

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I consent for my data to be used by North Carolina State University to investigate human exposure to ticks in North Carolina. By signing this form, I understand that NCSU cannot provide me information on pathogens that may be within the tick, and that NCSU entomology cannot give me medical advice or recommendations.

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Sign

Date