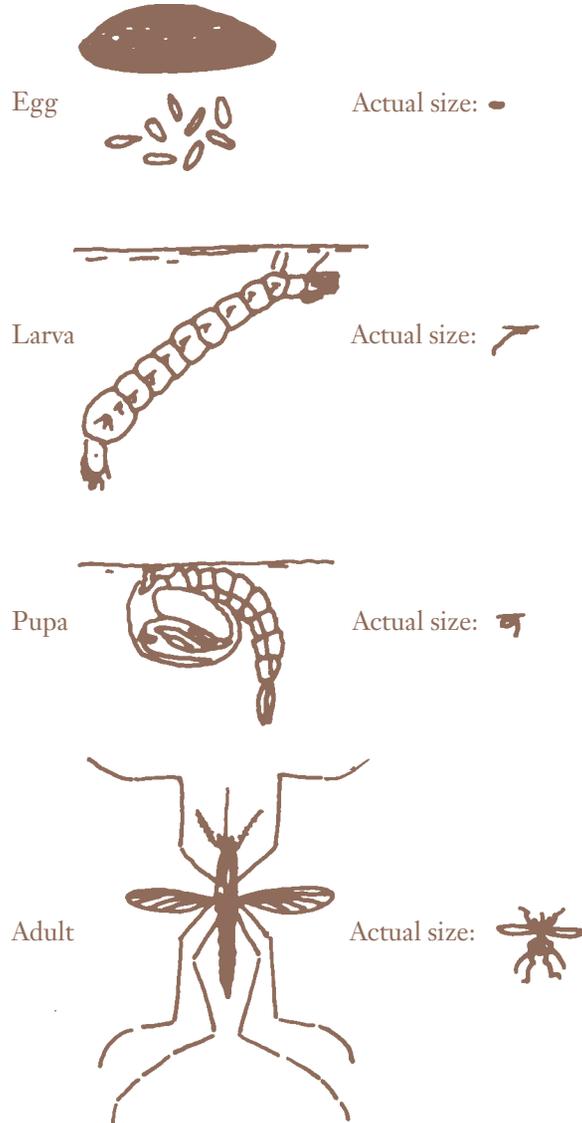


The **Asian Tiger** mosquito has four stages in its life cycle: the egg, larva, pupa, and the adult.



Egg are laid on the sides of a container. Larvae and pupae live in water, but adults are active flying insects. Females feed on blood while males only feed on plant nectars.



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Facts YOU should know
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ASIAN TIGER MOSQUITO

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The Asian Tiger Mosquito

(*Aedes albopictus*)

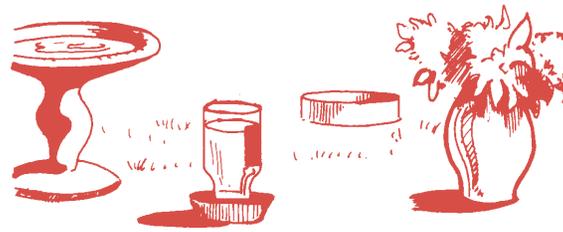


Appearance:

- Actual size is less than 3/16 inch. 
- The female (only females bite people) is smaller than other common mosquitos.
- The body is black with a white stripe behind the head and down the back.
- The hind legs have white stripes.

Behavior:

- Only the female bites. This species prefers to bite below the waist.
- The female is active during the day. She rests on shrubs, tall grass, and in sheltered areas.
- The Asian Tiger mosquito is a weak flyer, and will not travel more than 100 yards from breeding sites.
- The Asian Tiger mosquito only lays eggs in tree holes or artificial containers that catch and hold rainwater for at least one week.
- Man-made containers often found around the home in which Asian Tiger mosquitoes may breed include:
 - Used automobile or truck tires
 - Buckets and cans



- Dishes placed beneath flower pots
- Plastic covers and tarps
- Birdbaths
- Rain barrels



- Clogged rain gutters
- Wading pools
- Toys that hold water



Special Concerns:

- *Aedes albopictus* have the potential to transmit microorganisms that cause several types of encephalitis in people and some domestic animals.
- Nighttime spraying of insecticides does not provide satisfactory control of this species.
- The most effective way to control this mosquito is to eliminate its breeding places.



What YOU can do!

- Remove and properly dispose of discarded man-made containers from backyard areas.
- Fill tree holes.
- Keep weeds and tall grass mowed.
- Pass on mosquito control tips to your neighbors. Mosquitoes are community-wide pests. The mosquitoes that bite you may be breeding in your neighbor's backyard!

Remember!

Mosquito Control is Everyone's Business!