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Tick Identification and Quick Facts

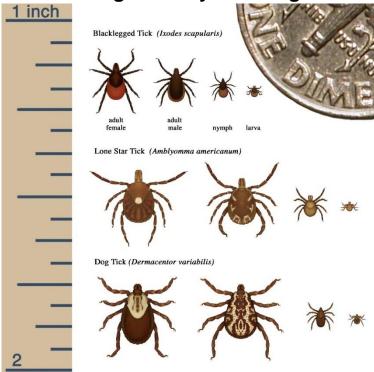
| | Common name | Scientific name | Time of year most active | Primary host | Diseases transmitted |
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| | American dog tick | Dermacentor variabilis | Spring & Summer | Medium to large sized mammals | <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> Rocky Mountain spotted fever Tularemia |
| - Ale | Blacklegged tick | lxodes scapularis | Spring, Summer, & Fall | White-tailed deer | Anaplasmosis Babesiosis Borrelia miyamotoi Ehrlichia muris eauclairensis Lyme disease Powassan disease |
| | Brown dog tick | Rhipicephalus sanguineus | Year round | Dogs | <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> Rocky Mountain spotted fever |
| T | Gulf Coast tick | Amblyomma maculatum | Summer | Small to medium sized animals | Ehrlichia canis Rickettsia parkeri rickettsiosis |
| | Lone star tick | Amblyomma americanum | Spring & Summer | White-tailed deer & Wild turkeys | Ehrlichia chaffeensis Ehrlichia ewingii Heartland virus Tularemia Southern Tick–Associated Rash Illness |



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Sizing Ticks by Life Stage



Tick-borne Disease Transmission Facts

| | Vector | Life stage that can transmit disease to people | Minimum feeding time needed for transmission | |
|--|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Anaplasmosis | Blacklegged tick | Nymph & Adult | 24 hours | |
| Babesiosis | Blacklegged tick | Nymph & Adult | 36 hours | |
| Borrelia miyamotoi | Blacklegged tick | Nymph & Adult | 24 hours | |
| | American dog tick | Adult | | |
| | Blacklegged tick | Nymph & Adult | 24 hours | |
| Ehrlichiosis [‡] | Brown dog tick | Adult | | |
| | Gulf coast tick | Adult | | |
| | Lone star tick | Nymph & Adult | | |
| Heartland virus | Lone star tick | Nymph & Adult | Unknown | |
| Lyme disease | Blacklegged tick | Nymph & Adult | 36 hours | |
| Powassan disease | Blacklegged tick | Nymph & Adult | 15 min | |
| Rickettsia parkeri rickettsiosis | Gulf Coast tick | Adult | Unknown | |
| Dealey Mountain anotted forcer | American dog tick | Adult | 10-20 hours | |
| Rocky Mountain spotted fever | Brown dog tick | Adult | | |
| Southern Tick–Associated Rash Illness | Lone star tick | Nymph & Adult | Unknown | |
| Tuloromio | Lone star tick | Nymph & Adult | Unknown | |
| Tularemia | American dog tick | Adult | | |

[‡]Different ticks transmit different species of Ehrlichia, see the chart on the first page for specifics