



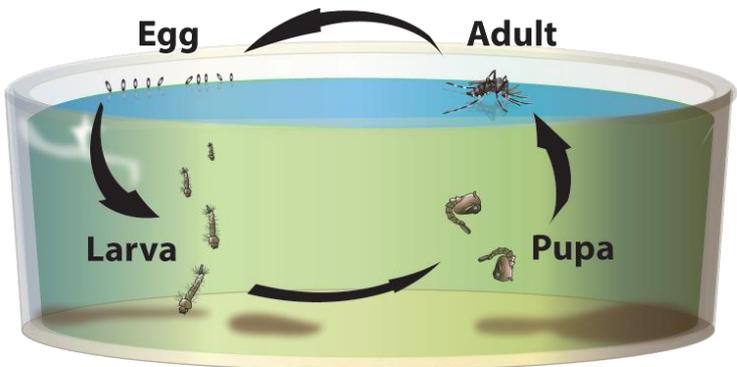
## Mosquito Fact Sheet

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The **Asian Tiger Mosquito** (*Aedes albopictus*) is a small, dark mosquito with stripes and banded legs. It is the most common mosquito found in University Park. It bites mainly during the day and will feed on people, dogs,

cats, birds, deer, and other mammals. These mosquitoes lay their eggs just above the water line in natural habitats (tree holes) and artificial containers (tires, toys, flowerpots, etc.). The larvae **MUST** grow in water for a week to complete their transformation to a full-fledged adult. The entire aquatic cycle (from egg to adult) can occur in as little as 8-10 days.



Asian tiger mosquitoes have a short flight range of less than 650 feet. If there are mosquitoes in your yard they likely hatched nearby.



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Asian tiger mosquitoes are vectors for disease in humans that includes West Nile virus, dengue and chikungunya. On April 29, 2016 The Washington Post published an [article](#) noting the first instance of Zika virus in the western hemisphere, where researchers have detected the Zika virus in the Asian tiger mosquito. This mosquito can also transmit dog heartworm parasites, Eastern equine encephalitis, and Japanese encephalitis viruses.



**The Northern House Mosquito (*Culex pipiens*)** is the second most common mosquito found in University Park. It is small, uniform in color, and without the distinctive marks of the Asian tiger. The northern

house mosquito usually bites at night (7 pm to 6 am), and sometimes enters homes in the fall in search of a sheltered place to overwinter. Northern house mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water.

The northern house mosquito is the main vector of West Nile virus (WNV) in urban areas in the northeast and north-central United States. It is also the most important vector of Eastern equine encephalitis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported 45 cases of WNV in Maryland in 2018.

[CDC information on the West Nile Virus](#)