



Allpest Pest Awareness

Keeping you informed

Our Pest Awareness Series offer informative, easy to understand information on a range of problem pests.

We aim to keep you in control and as well as maintain a safe and healthier environment for your immediate surrounding.

Our Pest Awareness Sheet presents facts on:

- Overview
- Ecology and Habit
- Breeding Cycle
- Health Risk

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Common Australian Anopheline Mosquito (*Anopheles Annulipes*)

Overview

Mosquitoes are members of Order Diptera, which in Australia is represented by over 270 species that as adults have piercing and sucking mouthparts. Mosquitoes as pest have claimed untold numbers of human lives by their efficient biological transmission of a variety of diseases.

Ecology

Mosquitoes are skilled at finding and dwelling at a range of water containment sources. Those places include natural and artificial sources of temporary and permanent water such as lakes, swamps, dams, non-draining roof gutters, septic tanks and many more. Water captured in tin cans and old tyres may all serve as larval habitats.

Lifecycle

A mosquito's life cycle may be complete within a week or longer depending on the temperature, food, species and other factors. Adult males are short lived whilst adult females may live for several weeks.

Health risk

Mosquitoes pose a significant threat to humans and animals. Many human lives are lost each year to diseases transmitted by adult female mosquitoes. The types of diseases transmitted by mosquitoes include:

- Protozoan type (malaria) - may cause severe fever and death.
- Virus type (e.g: Ross River Virus) - may cause polyarthritis, a disease that can result in severe debilitation for periods ranging from month to years.
- Dengue - may cause pain in muscle joints, severe fever and possible death.



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