

# Three Ticks of Public Health Importance

## Spot Identification

**Adult Activity:**  
Late March  
through July



Adult male



Adult female

**Adult Habitat:**  
Grassy areas  
along paths and  
roads

Ornamentation

**American dog tick, *Dermacentor variabilis***  
Ornamentation on 'back'

Ornamentation

**Blacklegged 'deer' tick**  
*Ixodes scapularis*  
No Ornamentation

**Habitat:**  
Forest &  
shrubs

**Lone star tick**  
*Amblyomma americanum*  
Ornamentation

**Activity:**  
All life stages  
bite  
Active 12  
months



Adult male



Adult female

Ornamentation



Adult male



Adult female

**Activity:**  
All life stages  
bite  
April –August