



## Mosquito Facts

Although mosquitoes carry and transmit diseases, they are a fascinating insect. Listed below are a few fun facts about mosquitoes.

- Mosquitoes have been around for 100 million years.
- There are approximately 2,700 species of mosquitoes in the world, and 170 species reside in North America. Sixty-three of those are found in Ohio.
- The average lifespan of a female mosquito is three to one hundred days. The male mosquito lives only ten to twenty days.
- All mosquitoes do not feed on blood. Only the female mosquito requires a blood meal for development of her eggs.
- One female mosquito may lay 100 to 300 eggs at one time and may average 1,000 to 3,000 offspring during her lifespan.
- Depending on the temperature, mosquitoes can develop from eggs to adults in four to seven days.
- Most mosquitoes remain within 1 mile of their breeding site; however, some species may range up to 20 miles or more.
- A mosquito can fly at an estimated 1 to 1.5 miles per hour and weighs around 2 to 2.5 milligrams.
- A mosquito's wings beat 500 times per second.

