Mosquito Comparison Chart

Aedes aegypti



Aedes albopictus



- Yellow fever mosquito
- Bright silvery lyre-shaped dorsal pattern and white banded legs
- Occupies urban areas with or without vegetation
- Bites, rests, and lays eggs both indoors and outdoors
- Sneaky biter
- High preference for taking blood meals from humans and to lesser extent from domestic mammals, which makes it a very capable vector of dengue, chikungunya and Zika viruses.
- Main dengue virus vector worldwide
- The major production places are human- made containers, treeholes and bamboo internodes holding water
- Most containers with water used for immature development are within or in dose proximity to households or other human habitation

- Asian tiger mosquito
- Single longitudinal silvery dorsal stripe and white banded legs
- Associated with thickets and arboreal vegetation
- Bites, rests, and lays eggs mostly outdoors (garden)
- Aggressive biter
- Bites humans but also a variety of available domestic and wild vertebrates that do not carry the dengue viruses, which lowers its capacity to transmit them
- Main dengue virus vector in some areas but is mostly a secondary vector
- Shows preference for treeholes and bamboo internodes with water but can also utilize human-made containers for its immature development
- Uses water-filled containers around or further away from households or other human habitation

