

ALMANAC WEEKLY | Guide to ticks

Black-legged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*)



Adult male

Adult female



Larva



Nymph

Lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)



Adult male

Adult female

Dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)

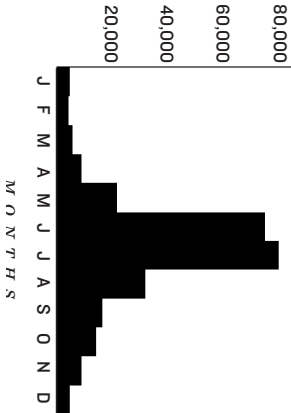
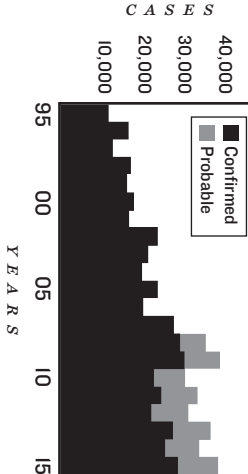


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Know your ticks

Adult female and nymph-stage black-legged ticks are responsible for spreading Lyme disease. Other common ticks (right) also spread disease, including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (dog tick) and adult-onset meat allergies (lone star tick).



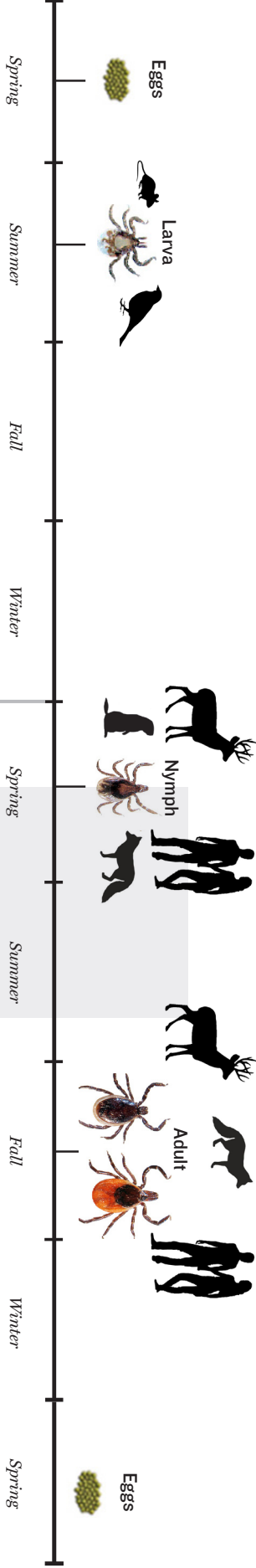
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Lyme is on the rise (top-left), spreading beyond its New England/Mid-Atlantic strongholds (bottom), and this is the most dangerous time of year (top-right). Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



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