

## **Mosquito Management**

Mosquitoes, the Culicidae, are a family of small flies. It has been in existence since the dinosaur era which is more than 300 plus million years ago.

Mosquitoes have a slender segmented body, one pair of wings, three pairs long hair-like legs, and specialised, piercing-sucking mouthparts.

Mosquitoes spread prominent diseases like malaria, dengue and chikungunya. There is high risk of mosquito-borne diseases in humid areas.

In dry areas in India, mosquito infestation during and after the monsoon rainfall. In Tropic and humid regions, during summer the reproductive cycle of mosquito is high. Over 3,700 types of mosquitoes can be found worldwide.

## **Facts about Mosquitoes**

- Female mosquitoes lives longer than male mosquitoes. They bite people and animal to get a blood meal to produce eggs.
- Mosquitoes re found closed to still Water, where their larvae feed and develop.
- Mosquitoes are attracted by dark colours.
- Female mosquito lays up to 300 eggs at one time.
- Average mosquitoes live less than two months.
- On an average mosquitoes travel up to 50 feet high.
- Sweat helps mosquitoes to choose their victim.
- Full moon makes mosquitoes very active.
- Mosquitos' lifespans increase as they hibernate.

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