

Common Ticks in California



Ticks are often found in areas with grass, shrubs, logs, large rocks, or fallen leaves. Brown dog ticks can be found in or around the home and in dog kennels.



Females **Males**



Western blacklegged tick

Ixodes pacificus



Pacific Coast tick

Dermacentor occidentalis



American dog tick

Dermacentor variabilis



Brown dog tick

Rhipicephalus sanguineus

Actual size:

Check for ticks!



Western blacklegged tick



Female



Male



Nymph



Blood-fed adult

Ticks can spread disease!

Western blacklegged tick



Lyme disease,
anaplasmosis

Pacific Coast tick



spotted fever,
tularemia

Dog ticks



spotted fever

Find a tick on you?

Brush it off

**Is the tick attached
to your skin?**

Remove it right away



- 1 Use tweezers to grab the tick as close to your skin as possible.**
- 2 Pull the tick firmly, straight out, and away from your skin (DO NOT twist, burn, or smother the tick).**
- 3 Wash your hands and the bite area with soap and water after the tick is removed, and apply an antiseptic to the bite area.**
- 4 See your doctor if you develop a rash or flu-like symptoms within 30 days after a tick bite.**

Learn more: www.cdph.ca.gov

Questions? Call (916) 552-9730 or contact your local vector control or public health agency