Australian insects: mosquito guide

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Mosquitoes

Mosquito before feeding

• Diseases can be passed on to people through mosquito bites.

• You can protect yourself against mosquitoes biting you.

Mosquito-borne diseases acquired in Australia

- Ross River virus
- Murray Valley encephalitis
- Barmah Forest virus
- Dengue

Mosquito after feeding

Key facts

Mosquito bite prevention DOs and DON’Ts

DOs

- Do use repellents outdoors and insecticides indoors
- Do screen windows, doorways and tents, if camping
- Do wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts

DON’Ts

- Don’t create mosquito breeding opportunities at home (standing water)
- Don’t go to wetlands at dawn or dusk
- Don’t think you don’t attract mosquitoes

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