

VECTOR CALENDAR

Want to know when treehole mosquitoes will be out laying their eggs? Or maybe you're not sure when ground-nesting yellowjackets will be searching for a place to build their nest? This calendar below will tell you what to look out for regarding mosquitoes, rats, mice, skunks, yellowjackets, and ticks.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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MOSQUITOES

All species of mosquitoes require as little as a few tablespoons of stagnant water in order to complete their life cycle. 23 species are found in Contra Costa County, including two that can transmit West Nile virus.

treehole mosquitoes lay eggs and are active

peak mosquito activity throughout Contra Costa county

west nile virus-transmitting species most active

RATS & MICE

Rats and mice are always on the lookout for food and shelter opportunities. Openings as small as 1/4 of an inch can be large enough to allow access into a residence.

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SKUNKS

Skunks will seek out food and a place to burrow and make their dens in order to raise young. They have the potential to transmit rabies to people.

mating

gestation/make dens to rear young

young are born

young leave the mother

YELLOWJACKETS

Yellowjackets can sting and bite multiple times, making their venom dangerous to those who are allergic. Because they are hidden, ground nests are often accidentally disturbed.

in hibernation

queens seek nest sites

peak yellowjacket nest activity

YJ's seek meat and sugar

TICKS

One of the three species of ticks in Contra Costa County can transmit Lyme Disease. Ticks attach themselves to people and animals by lying in wait on a tall blade of grass or other shrubbery.

adult ticks most active/likely to encounter people

immature ticks most active