

## Important Tick Species in Wisconsin

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**Deer Tick (*Ixodes scapularis*)**  
Also known as the "blacklegged tick"

**Note:** Relative size of ticks at different life stages



**Distribution:** common and widespread in Wisconsin

**Health Concerns:** Lyme Disease, Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis, Powassan Virus, and others

**American Dog Tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)**  
Also known as the "wood tick"



**Distribution:** common and widespread in Wisconsin

**Health Concerns:** Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Tularemia

**Lone Star Tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)**



**Distribution:** rarely encountered in Wisconsin; *report to UW Insect Diagnostic Lab*

**Health Concerns:** Human Ehrlichiosis, Tularemia, viral diseases, Red-Meat Allergy