

## What Do Ticks Look Like?

The three most common ticks in New York State are the deer (black-legged) tick, the American dog tick and the lone star tick.



Female Lone Star Tick

Only deer ticks can carry the bacterium that causes Lyme disease. They can also carry the germs that cause babesiosis and human granulocytic anaplasmosis. Young deer ticks, called nymphs, are brown and the size of poppy seeds. Adult female deer ticks are

red and black, while males are black. Adult deer ticks are about the size of a sesame seed.

American dog ticks can carry the bacterium that causes Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Dog ticks are reddish-brown and larger than deer ticks. Deer and dog ticks are most active during the spring, early summer and fall.



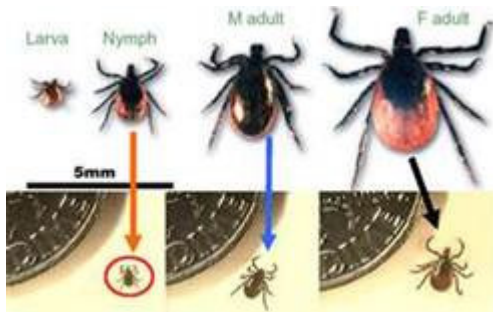
Female Deer Tick



Female American Dog Tick

Lone star ticks are becoming more common in New York State. They can carry the germ that causes human monocytic ehrlichiosis and another rash illness that has been seen in over 20 other states. Adult female lone star ticks have a white dot on their back and are similar in size to deer ticks. They are most active from April through July.

### Deer Ticks



### Dog ticks



### Lone Star Tick

