

# Pest Bio

Providing All Your Pest Facts

## Ticks



Commonly identified as insects in error ticks are actually apart of the arachnid class.

The three most common species of ticks in Idaho are the American dog tick, the deer tick and the Rocky Mountain wood tick. Ticks carry dangerous bacteria and diseases that can be transmitted to humans by burrowing their heads into the host and feeding from them. The most common diseases caused by ticks in Idaho are Lyme disease, Tularemia and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. It is important to check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks.

**Call Barrier for help managing Ticks**

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### DIET

Ticks are true vampires and require blood meals. Larvae and nymphs mostly feed on small rodents while adults feed on dogs, cattle, deer, other animals and humans.

### HABITAT

When not attached to a host, ticks frequent wooded areas and fields and are more common around homes and buildings in secluded or rural areas.

### BEHAVIOR

Ticks grab onto passing warm bodies or drop from a perch and free fall onto their host. They will stay with their host for the long haul unlike most other biting insects.

### Tick Facts:

Size: About 3/16"

Shape: Oval

Color: Brown, Black, Gray or Yellowish

Legs: 8

Wings: No

Antenna: No

### Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Phylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Arachnida

Order:

-Ixodida

Family:

-Ixodidae

Genus:

-Dermacentor