

FACTS ABOUT MOSQUITOES

- 1. All mosquitoes must have water in which to complete their lifecycle.**
- 2. Only seven days are required to complete their life cycle (egg to adult) during warm weather.**
- 3. Mosquitoes do not develop in grass or shrubbery, although flying adults frequently rest in these areas during daylight hours.**
- 4. Only the female mosquito bites to obtain a blood meal.**
- 5. The female mosquito may live as long as three weeks during the summer or many months over the winter in order to lay her eggs the following spring.**

INSECTS THAT RESEMBLE MOSQUITOES

MOSQUITO



Characteristics:

- Bites using proboscis
- Wings as long or longer than body
- Develop in water
- May carry disease

CHIRONOMID MIDGE



Characteristics:

- Cannot bite (no proboscis)
- Develop in the mud on the bottom of lakes and ponds.
- Body longer than wings.
- About same size as mosquito

CRANE FLY



Characteristics:

- Cannot bite (proboscis, if present, unable to penetrate skin)
- Develop in moist soil or water
- Fly very poorly.
- Usually larger than a mosquito.