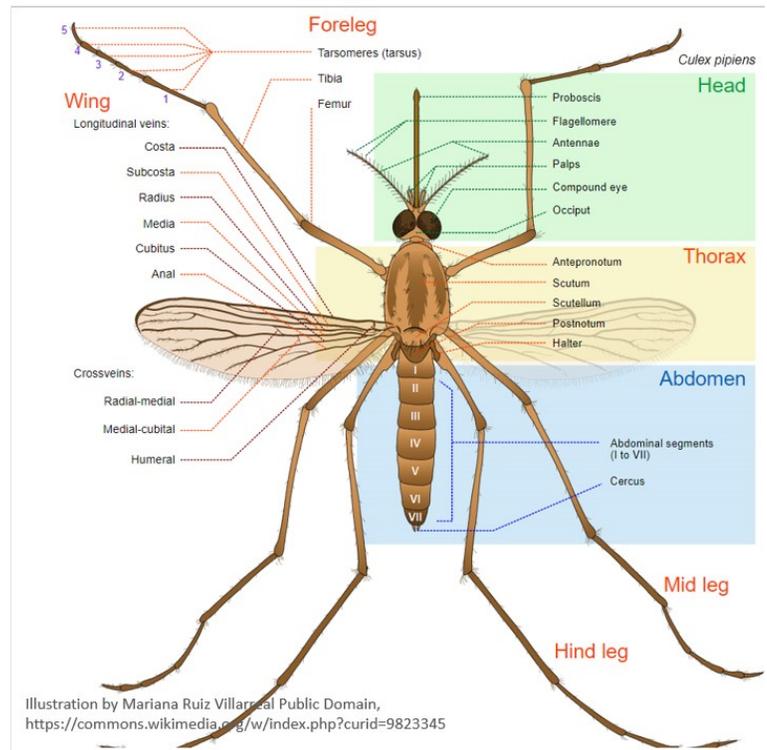


## Insect Inquiry Checklist

Insect identification can be challenging. If the insect is in one of the immature stages it can even be impossible. Please include pictures and use a coin or tape measure for size comparison. If possible, the pictures need to also reveal the following:

- Number of body sections; and shape
- If possible, top and underside pictures
- How many legs; antennae or feelers
- Wings if present and color
- Mouth parts/shape



### Clarifying questions—as appropriate.

1. How many of these insects did you see?
2. If you sent in a photo, when was the photo taken?
3. When did you see this insect: Date and Time of Day?
4. What were the weather conditions?
5. Where was it found? Provide Town or rural location
6. Was it in a garden, vegetable or ornamental; wooded or marshy area? Standing water nearby? Was it on a plant? If so, can you identify the type of plant? Where on the plant was the insect e.g., on the ground under a plant, on the leaves? Or was the insect just outside the house, but not on a plant? If so where? Or was the insect inside the house? If so where?
7. Did you observe any damage done by this insect? Can you describe the damage, please? (e.g. ate several tomato plant leaves completely,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the leaves on my (x) plant have round holes; the petals on my roses are slightly curled up and don't open normally;  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the leaves on my elm tree have no tissue – they are like a skeleton; I found holes in my wool sweater in my closet and there are dead bugs on it, black sooty substance is on the trunk of my crepe myrtle and it's like rain falling from the branches)
8. Has the area been disturbed lately e.g. digging, severe rain, foot traffic?
9. Did you bring in new possible habitats such as mulch; top soil; new plants (id please) or packaging from other products

10. What other evidence of infestation did you find e.g., castings, webbing, mounds, honeydew or frass (partially digested wood/plant tissue)