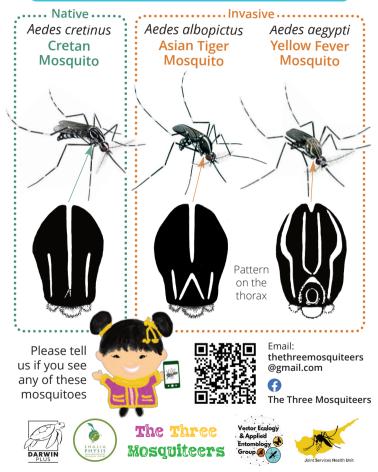
Have you seen these Aedes mosquitoes?



Aedes cretinus Common name: Cretan Mosquito

Diagnostic characters. A long median white line on the dorsal part of the thorax. Black and white mosquito relatively small in size, has black legs with white stripes. Native to Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. It can be confused with the alien species *Aedes albopictus* (see below).

Breeding sites. Tree hollows and small ponds.

Aedes albopictus Common name: Asian Tiger Mosquito

Diagnostic characters. Median white line on the dorsal part of the thorax. Black and white mosquito, relatively small in size, has black legs with white lines/stripes. Native to Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. It can easily be confused with the species *Ae. cretinus* (see above).

Breeding sites. Barrels, basins, tree hollows, ponds, in urban and suburban areas.

Aedes aegypti Common name: Yellow Fever Mosquito

Diagnostic characters. Light colored lyre shape on thorax, and black legs with white lines/stripes. The urban form (*Ae. aegypti*) is lighter in color than its ancestor (*Ae. aegypti formosus*), with white scales on the first abdominal tergite.

Breeding sites. Tree hollows, containers, planter saucers, water tanks, tires, underground septic tanks.

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How to protect yourself and others

- Do not leave objects lying around the house that can store water
- Drain the water from the saucers under flowerpots
- Turn over items to drain stagnant water
- Use mosquito repellent
- · Wear long sleeves and light coloured clothing

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