

# Mosquito Facts:



1. There about 24 different species of Mosquitoes in Stanislaus County, 53 Species in California and 3,500 in the world.
2. Mosquitoes can be found from snow pools to deserts in California
3. The word mosquito comes from the Spanish term "mosca" which means fly.
4. Most Mosquitoes stay near their larval habitat (where born), but some fly 10 to 20 miles for a blood meal.
5. The Salt Marsh Mosquito migrates about 75-100 miles in its lifetime.
6. Mosquitoes can fly at a speed of 1 - 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles per hour.
7. The whining/buzzing sound they make is due to the rapid beating of the wings at 300-600 times per second.
8. A mosquito can smell the Carbon Dioxide you exhale from about 60-75ft away.
9. Mosquitoes feed on liquids only, because of their proboscis (piercing/sucking) mouth part.
  - a) They like plant juices rich in carbohydrates, such as flower nectar and fruit juices
  - b) Only the females take blood. They need the protein in the blood for their eggs.
10. Only five to seven days are required during hot weather for mosquitoes to complete their lifecycles.