



# Communiqué

## Tick & Lyme Disease

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### Camborne, ON – Tick & Lyme Disease

In Ontario, Lyme disease is on the rise as the deer tick (also known as black-legged ticks) population expands into new areas of the province. In the early 1990s, there was only one known risk area in Ontario, at Long Point Provincial Park. Since then, Ontario has seen an increase and expansion of blacklegged tick populations, particularly in eastern Ontario.

Although commonly found in wooded areas, ticks can be found pretty much anywhere because they are carried by the birds and other animals they feed on.

In Canada, we have approximately 40 species of tick, but fortunately for us humans, only a few of them can transmit Lyme disease.

### Common ticks in Canada

Below is a quick guide to some of the most common ticks in Canada.

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### Deer Tick

The official common name for a tick often suggests that it parasitizes a specific animal host ('deer tick', 'dog tick', 'cattle tick', etc). However, with rare exceptions, most tick species willingly suck blood from almost any animal they encounter

Additional information is available from Parks Ontario:

<http://www.ontarioparks.com/parksblog/tag/ticks/>

Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit:

<http://www.hkpr.on.ca/InfoSet/Environments/LymeDisease.aspx>

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