

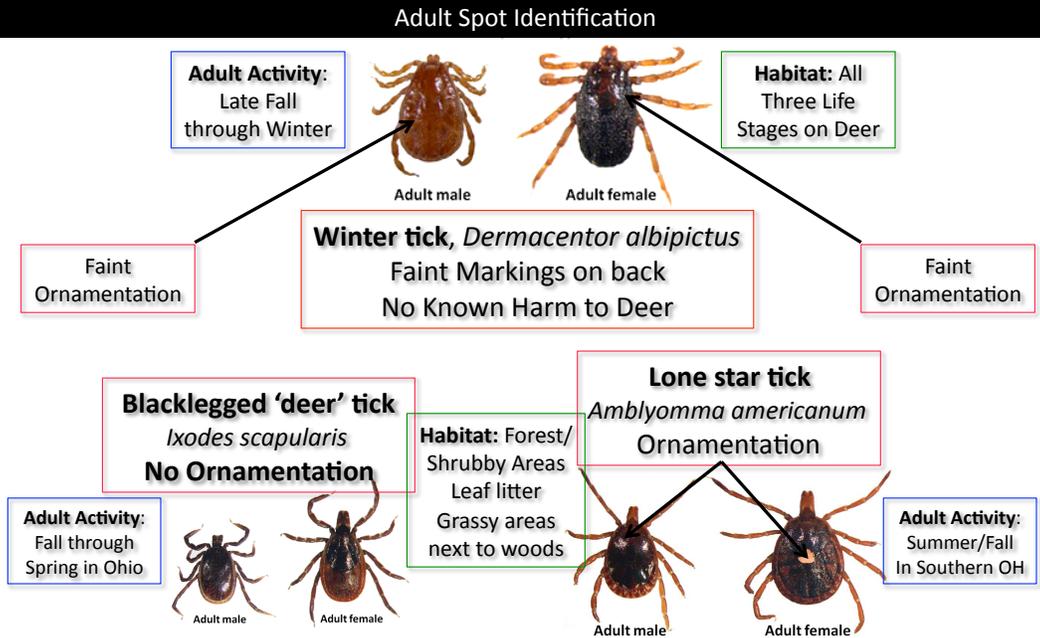
Ohio Deer Hunter Tips

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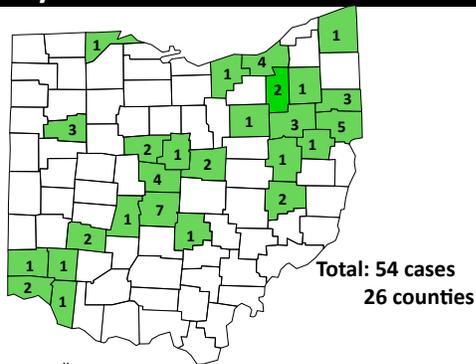
Three Important Ticks on Ohio Deer



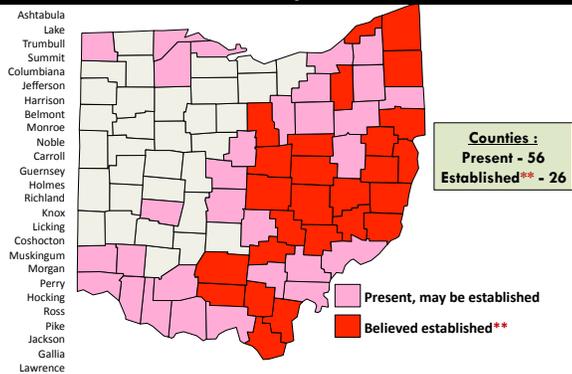
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2012 Lyme Disease Cases* in Ohio



Distribution of *Ixodes scapularis* in OHIO 2012*



** CDC criteria for "established" populations are at least 6 ticks or 2 life stages identified

Game-Time Tips on Lyme Disease Transmission

- Lyme disease only from blacklegged 'deer' tick bite.
- Will not get Lyme disease from eating venison or squirrel meat.
- Hunting & field dressing animals may bring people into close contact with infected ticks.
- Risk of bringing ticks home.
- Take care in disposing of deer hides.



Prevention of Tick Bites & Disease

- Blacklegged ticks are active all fall & winter
- Use repellents (follow label)
 - DEET, permethrin (clothes)
- Tuck pants in socks/boots & shirt into pants
- Tick-check family, yourself, pets daily
- Remove ticks promptly & save the specimen
- Develop a tick-safe zone around home
- Seek advice from veterinarians on how to protect pets using anti-tick products and Lyme vaccines. Test dogs for disease exposure.

