

# Zika Virus

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## A Vector Control Perspective

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# Pathogens & Vectors

**Bacteria, virus, or other disease causing microorganism**

**Organism/insects/animals that transmits disease from one animal to another**

*Typically think of ticks & mosquitos (arthropods)*

Arthropod Disease / Arbovirus

Ticks/Bacteria

Mosquitos/Virus



# 2 Mosquitos of Concern

- *Aedes aegypti*
- *Aedes albopictus*

Only females bite, they need a blood meal to produce eggs (oviposition)



# Aegypti



# Aegypti





# 1862 Burial Site of Yellow Fever Victims (Oakdale Cemetery)

- Communal burial site of approximately 400 people who died between September and the frosts of November 1862
- Wilmington's population was approximately 10,000
- About half fled the city
- Of the 1,505 reported cases, 654 (43%) died of yellow fever



# Albopictus (Asian Tiger)





# Albopictus





# Asian Tigers

- **Means of Introduction:** Arrived accidentally in used tires imported from Japan in the middle 80's
- **Impact:** Has aggressive daytime human-biting behavior and ability to vector many viruses, including West Nile virus Chikungunya, Dengue Fever, and now suspected **Zika Virus**



# Comparison



# Aegypti & Albopictus distribution

Approximate distribution of *Aedes aegypti* in the United States\*



Approximate distribution of *Aedes albopictus* in the United States\*



\*Maps were developed using currently available information. Mosquito populations may be detected in areas not shaded on this map, and may not be consistently found in all shaded areas.





March 22, 2016



*Public Health*  
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*The mosquitoes responsible for most Zika virus transmission are not believed to be widespread in North Carolina*



# Washington Post

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

“There are officials who have been saying we don’t have *aedes aegypti*, so we don’t need to be worried or have a plan,” said Janet McAllister, an entomologist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “What CDC is saying is: You need a plan in place because albopictus could transmit Zika in your area, and you need to take it seriously.”



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April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

For the first time in the Western Hemisphere, researchers have detected the Zika virus in *Aedes albopictus*, the mosquito species known as the “Asian tiger,” a finding that increases the number of U.S. states potentially at risk for transmission of the disease.





# Key Tiger Characteristics

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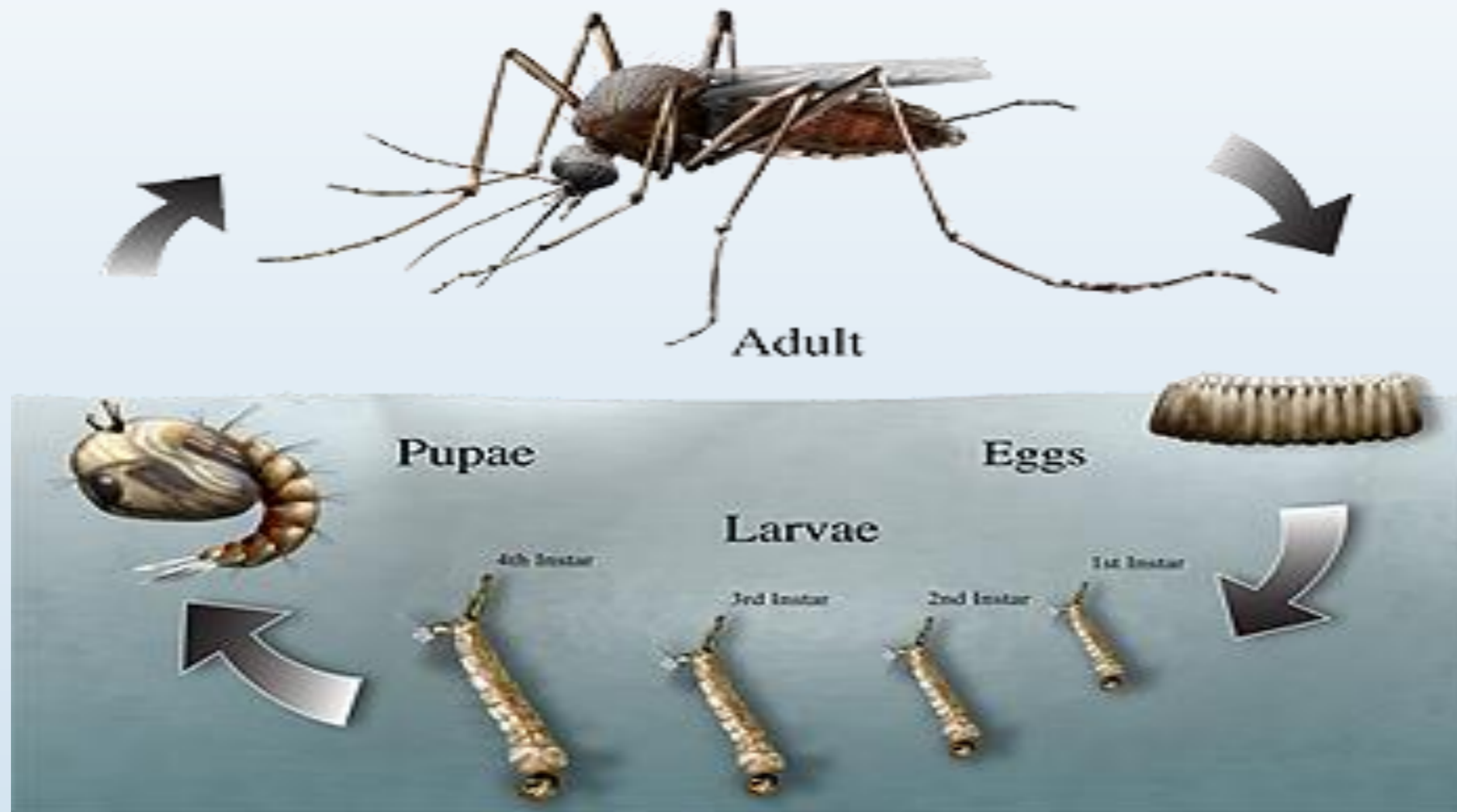
Container breeders/ankle biters

Don't travel far

Active during daylight, not night

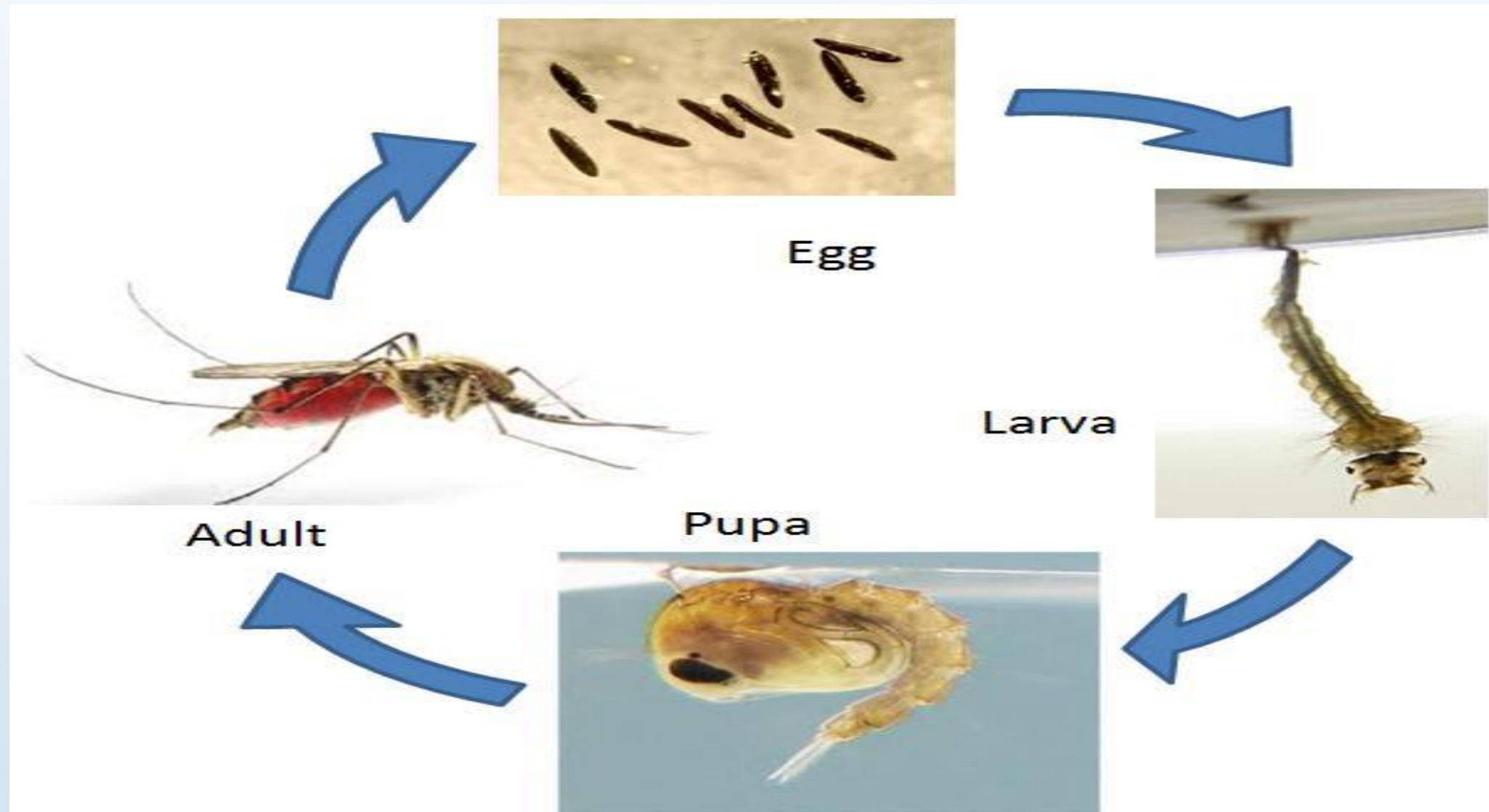


# Mosquito Life Cycle



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Water!





# NC Vector Control

aka PHPM

- In 1957, the North Carolina General Assembly established the Salt Marsh Mosquito Study
- Mosquito & Vector Control program began / General Statute 130A-346 through 349
- **2011 was abolished and repealed by Session Law 2011-145, s. 13.3(j).**



# County Level

Traditionally falls to ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

## Integrated Pest Management

Will now be known as

## Integrated Vector Management



# Vector Control Program Basics

- Education
- Surveillance: Complaints, Trapping, Dipping (larvae collection), Identification
- Larviciding: Surfactants, hormone inhibitors, bacteria like BTI (bacillus thuringiensis)
- Adulticiding: Permethrin based spray with ULV spraying equipment



# Education: *Tip and Toss*

- Most basic but most effective means of combating Asian Tiger Mosquitos
- Catchy phrase that kids love to repeat





# Surveillance

- Complaints
- Dipping
- Trapping





# Dipping Larvae





# Rearing Chambers



# Larviciding

- Surfactants
- Hormone inhibitors
- Bacteria like BTI (bacillus thuringiensis)





# Surfactants & Larviciding

**Asian Tiger Mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*)**



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# Surface tension



# Trapping

- CDD Light Traps
- Gravid Traps







# Surveillance

CDC light traps  
utilize dry ice  
(CO<sub>2</sub>) and light  
(IR signature)





# Gravid Trap

Incorporates “stink” water/oviposition



# Why Surveillance?

- Confirm Species of Concern
- Confirm Numbers / Action Threshold Levels





# Identification

- <http://www.mosquitocatalog.org/files/pdfs/123180-0.PDF>

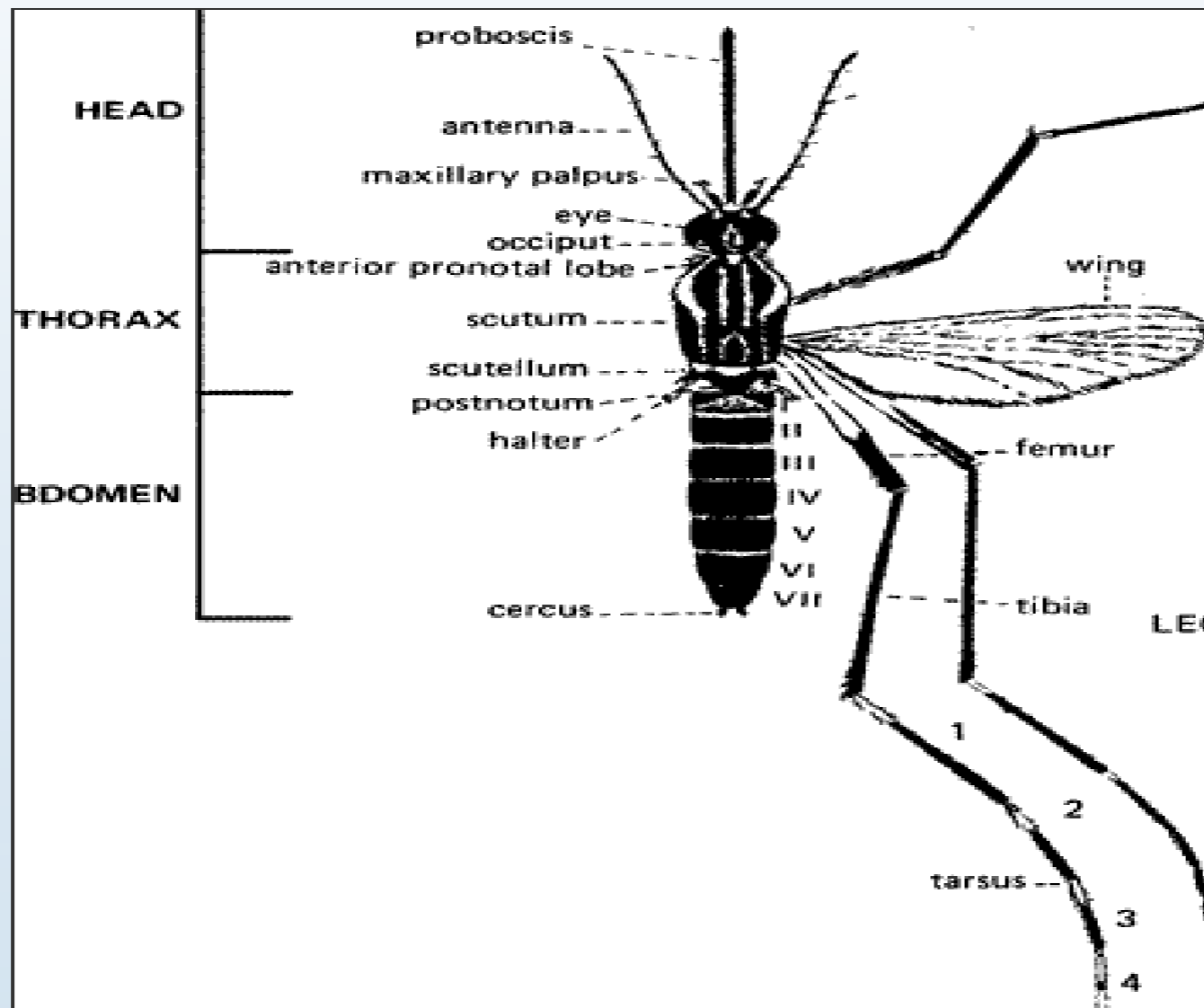
A Key to the Mosquitoes of North Carolina  
and the Mid-Atlantic State

Key to the Genera & Species of Adult  
Females





# Anatomy



# Traditional ULV Spraying



# Re-cap

- *Aedes albopictus* is capable of transmitting viruses
- It is a container breeder (tip & toss, clean up)
- Does not travel far (usually stays within 500 feet)
- Very aggressive (may bite up to 10 times & is very quick/nervous so is hard to kill)
- Active in daytime so traditional ULV spraying is not an option



# To Date:

- Letter & Educational flyers to Tire Dealerships
- Working on PSA w/Bs&GsC
- Info on HD Lobby TVs
- Info and Education Child Day Cares
- Brochures in Septic System Packets
- Larvicide & Repellent PH Day & After
- Hand Fogger & Pesticides
- Quotes from Private MC Companies
- Public Health Day (staff suggestions)
- Flyers to City NI & Code Enforcement
- Clean Sweep Initiative / city
- Home Owners Association





# Questions

