The **Asian Tiger** mosquito has four stages in its life cycle: the egg, larva, pupa, and the adult.

Egg
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Actual size: 

Larva
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Actual size: 

Pupa
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Actual size: 

Adult
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Actual size: 

Egg are laid on the sides of a container. Larvae and pupae live in water, but adults are active flying insects. Females feed on blood while males only feed on plant nectars.
The Asian Tiger Mosquito
(Aedes albopictus)

Appearance:
- Actual size is less than 3/16 inch.
- The female (only females bite people) is smaller than other common mosquitos.
- The body is black with a white stripe behind the head and down the back.
- The hind legs have white stripes.

Behavior:
- Only the female bites. This species prefers to bite below the waist.
- The female is active during the day. She rests on shrubs, tall grass, and in sheltered areas.
- The Asian Tiger mosquito is a weak flyer, and will not travel more than 100 yards from breeding sites.
- The Asian Tiger mosquito only lays eggs in tree holes or artificial containers that catch and hold rainwater for at least one week.
- Man-made containers often found around the home in which Asian Tiger mosquitoes may breed include:
  - Used automobile or truck tires
  - Buckets and cans
  - Dishes placed beneath flower pots
  - Plastic covers and tarps
  - Birdbaths
  - Rain barrels
  - Clogged rain gutters
  - Wading pools
  - Toys that hold water

Special Concerns:
- *Aedes albopictus* have the potential to transmit microorganisms that cause several types of encephalitis in people and some domestic animals.
- Nighttime spraying of insecticides does not provide satisfactory control of this species.
- The most effective way to control this mosquito is to eliminate its breeding places.

What YOU can do!
- Remove and properly dispose of discarded man-made containers from backyard areas.
- Fill tree holes.
- Keep weeds and tall grass mowed.
- Pass on mosquito control tips to your neighbors. Mosquitoes are community-wide pests. The mosquitoes that bite you may be breeding in your neighbor’s backyard!

Remember!
Mosquito Control is Everyone’s Business!