

# What just bit me?



Mosquitoes are found in a wide variety of habitats, from deserts to rainforests to tundra, from sea level to the alpine. Most people are more familiar than they would like to be with mosquitoes. However, what some people may not know is just how many types there are. More than 50 species can be found in British Columbia, and more than 30 in the Yukon. Unfortunately, there are gaps in our knowledge about the distribution of both indigenous and invasive mosquitoes in British Columbia and the Yukon. Furthermore, current distributions may shift in the coming decades due to climate change.

If you are interested in contributing to our knowledge of what BC and Yukon mosquitoes exist where, and helping scientists predict how this may change in the future, please mail us your squished/swatted mosquitoes this summer! This data will help us to create current distribution maps and will be used to model species distribution shifts in the future.

Please see next page for mailing information.

Mail samples to:

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Please mail your mosquito folded in a piece of paper and include the date of collection and a location, such as address, cross-street, or latitude and longitude coordinates from Google maps. Squished mosquitoes are ok! If you would like to know what species you sent, please include an email address.

Thank you very much!

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