

Aedes albopictus

Aedes albopictus belongs to the *Aedes* genus of mosquitoes, they can transmit several diseases through biting their hosts which includes dengue fever, chikungunya, and Zika virus. *Aedes albopictus* continues to spread health risks to people living in tropical and subtropical regions, as well as in cold weather.

CDC. (2024). *CDC's Most (un)Wanted Mosquitoes*.

<https://www.cdc.gov/dengue/stories/unwanted-mosquitoes.html>

Head: Proboscis entirely dark-scaled; palpus with white scales at apex; pedicel with scales on lateral surfaces.

Thorax: Scutum with median longitudinal stripe; antealar area with patch of broad pale scales; mesepimeron with lower scales; paratergite with scales; postpronotal scales present; postspiracular scales absent; proepisternal scales present; scutal angles without pale scales; subspiracular area with broad white scales.

Legs: Silvery or white scale patches on legs; Ta-I–III₁₋₅ with only basal bands.

Abdomen: Tergal scales basal, often not connected with lateral pale scales; I–Te without median patch of white scales.

<https://wrbu.si.edu/vectorspecies/mosquitoes/albopictus>