

Mosquito Factoids

Facts I thought were important for the project:

- **Lifespan of Females is one to two weeks in nature, up to 42 - 56 days in a controlled environment. Males ~ 10 days.**
- **Most mosquito's stay within a mile or two of their source.**
- Egg, Larva, Pupa are the three stages of development and these stages last 5 to 14 days.
- **Freezing water does not kill them! They go into "diapause" which is a delay in their development until favorable temperatures and climate occur.**
- Mosquito's find their prey by chemical, visual, and heat sensors.
- Feeding preferences of mosquito's are Type O blood types, heavy breathers, those with a lot of skin bacteria, people with a lot of body heat and pregnancy.
- They feed at Dusk and Dawn.
- **Females are the vectors for many diseases.**

Mosquito Control

- Predators are certain species of fish, dragonflies, some species of lizard and geckos.
- Another method is to introduce a large number of sterile males into the affected areas.
- Ultrasounds will keep mosquito's away.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosquito>