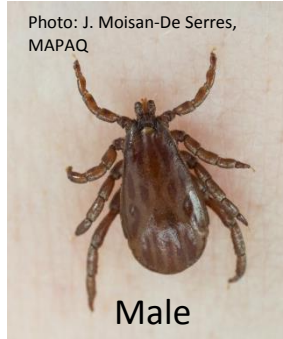


How to recognize a tick

Ticks are small arthropods that bear a superficial resemblance to spiders. The nymphs and the adults are quite small (less than 5 mm when unfed) and, like spiders, they have 8 legs. Ticks can easily be differentiated from spiders by their small size, tear-drop shape, and the absence of a “waist” between the abdomen and the rest of the body. Ticks are also very slow moving compared to spiders.

TICKS



Size: ranging from 1-3 mm (pinhead size) to about 10 mm (small corn kernel) when fully fed (as in top left picture)

Additional resources: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/pest-control-tips/blacklegged-deer-ticks.html> and http://www.tickencounter.org/tick_identification

SPIDERS



Size: highly variable, ranging from 1-2 mm to > 10 cm with legs