Common Ticks in California

Ticks are often found in areas with grass, shrubs, logs, large rocks, or fallen leaves. Brown dog ticks can be found in or around the home and in dog kennels.

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| ![Western blacklegged tick](image1) | **Western blacklegged tick**  
*Ixodes pacificus* |
| ![Pacific Coast tick](image2) | **Pacific Coast tick**  
*Dermacentor occidentalis* |
| ![American dog tick](image3) | **American dog tick**  
*Dermacentor variabilis* |
| ![Brown dog tick](image4) | **Brown dog tick**  
*Rhipicephalus sanguineus* |

**Actual size:**

**Check for ticks!**

- Western blacklegged tick
  - Female
  - Male
  - Nymph
  - Blood-fed adult
Ticks can spread disease!

Western blacklegged tick → Lyme disease, anaplasmosis
Pacific Coast tick → spotted fever, tularemia
Dog ticks → spotted fever

Find a tick on you? Brush it off

Is the tick attached to your skin? Remove it right away

1. Use tweezers to grab the tick as close to your skin as possible.
2. Pull the tick firmly, straight out, and away from your skin (DO NOT twist, burn, or smother the tick).
3. Wash your hands and the bite area with soap and water after the tick is removed, and apply an antiseptic to the bite area.
4. See your doctor if you develop a rash or flu-like symptoms within 30 days after a tick bite.

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Questions? Call (916) 552-9730 or contact your local vector control or public health agency