

Ixodes pacificus (Western black-legged tick)



Adult male



Adult female

Quick facts:

- Found in very low numbers in southwest and western regions of Utah
- Often found in mixed scrub and forested areas in or near leaf litter
- Typically found at elevations lower than 6,500 ft
- About half the size of the Rocky Mountain wood tick
- Adults typically feed on deer and juvenile ticks feed on lizards and small mammals (rabbits, rodents)
- The only tick in Utah capable of transmitting Lyme disease
- The chance of contracting Lyme disease from this tick in Utah is extremely low

