Three Ticks of Public Health Importance

**Spot Identification**

**American dog tick**, *Dermacentor variabilis*
- Ornamentation on ‘back’
- Adult Activity: Late March through July
- Adult Habitat: Grassy areas along paths and roads

**Blacklegged ‘deer’ tick**, *Ixodes scapularis*
- No Ornamentation
- Habitat: Forest & shrubs
- Activity: All life stages bite April–August
- Active 12 months

**Lone star tick**, *Amblyomma americanum*
- Ornamentation
- Habitat: Forest & shrubs
- Activity: All life stages bite April–August

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