

**Ticks commonly encountered by people in California and adjoining States, ranked on the basis of relative frequency of bites on people.**

Frequency of bites on people	Kind of tick	Common name	Preferred hosts	Habitat	Human health implications
<b>Common</b>	<i>Dermacentor variabilis</i>	American dog tick (sometimes called a 'wood tick')	Immatures: rodents & rabbits. Adults: large mammals, dogs	widespread	Occasional vector of RMSF, tularemia; also tick paralysis
<b>Occasional</b>	<i>Dermacentor occidentalis</i>	Pacific coast tick	Immatures: rodents & squirrels. Adults: cattle, deer, horses	widespread	
	<i>Dermacentor andersoni</i>	Rocky Mountain Wood tick	Immatures: rodents. Adults: deer, dogs, cattle, horses	sparsely distributed	Occasional vector of RMSF, Colorado tick fever, tularemia; also tick paralysis
	<i>Ixodes pacificus</i>	Western black legged tick	Immatures: Lizards & small rodents. Adults: large mammals	Moist areas	Occasional vector of Lyme disease
	<i>Rhipicephalis sanguineus</i>	Brown dog tick	Dogs	Dog kennels	
<b>Rare</b>	<i>Dermacentor albipictus</i>	Winter tick	Deer, horses	Central coastal & sierra foothills	
	<i>Argas species (multiple kinds)</i>	Poultry tick	Poultry	arid areas	
	<i>Ornithodoros coriaceus</i>	Spinose ear tick	Deer, cattle	foothills	Painful bites
	<i>Otobius megnini</i>	Pajahuello tick	Livestock & horses	Central valley	