

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
Common	<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
Occasional	<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	
Rare	<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	