



Mosquito, Midge or Crane Fly?

JUST BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE A MOSQUITO DOESN'T MEAN IT IS



MOSQUITO

Only adult females bite to acquire a bloodmeal to produce viable eggs.

You can identify a mosquito by these characteristics:

- Long wings that are typically longer than its body
- A proboscis (biting needle) which extends forward from its mouth
- "Fringed" wings
- A humpback appearance



MIDGE

Midges look very similar to mosquitoes. However, they do not bite, tend to swarm, and are attracted to lights, including bug zappers.

You can identify a midge by these characteristics:

- Shorter wings that do not extend beyond the end of its body
- No visible proboscis extending from its mouth
- Smooth edged wings
- A straight appearance, unlike the humpback appearance of mosquitoes



CRANE FLY

People may sometimes think crane flies are giant mosquitoes. They are completely harmless, just like midges.

You can identify a crane fly by these characteristics:

- Long, slender legs in comparison to its body length
- Usually lacking a proboscis, but even those with elongated mouthparts cannot bite
- Smooth-edged wings
- A straight appearance, unlike the humpback appearance of mosquitoes