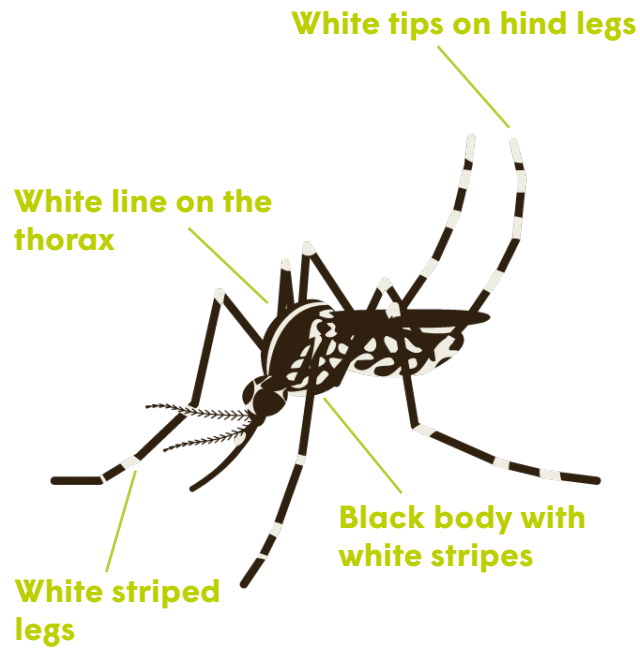


## How to recognise the tiger mosquito?



The tiger mosquito is a small mosquito with black and white stripes. It is smaller than the common house mosquito.



Actual size

Think you saw a tiger mosquito?  
Upload your pictures to the App or to  
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You will also find more information about  
the tiger mosquito and the viruses it can  
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## The Asian tiger mosquito: information and prevention



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## Is the tiger mosquito dangerous?

The tiger mosquito **can transmit viruses** that cause diseases such as dengue fever, chikungunya and Zika. The following conditions are required for local transmission of the virus to occur:

- the tiger mosquito must be present and established in Belgium (i.e. it must survive the winter and reproduce)
- a traveller has to return to Belgium infected with the virus
- the mosquito bites the traveller while he is still carrying the virus in his bloodstream
- the infected tiger mosquito must bite another person likely to contract the disease.

Currently, the tiger mosquito **does not represent a danger**. However, it can be a nuisance because it bites during the day. We need to prevent this mosquito from **establishing and surviving the winter** in order to prevent local epidemics of dengue, chikungunya and Zika in the future.

## Where can the tiger mosquito be seen?

The tiger mosquito has already been found in several places in Belgium and has adapted well to the urban environment. It looks for stagnant water in which to lay its eggs. Objects such as flower pots, gutters and rain barrels containing a small amount of water are ideal breeding sites. The eggs are laid against the inside wall of the objects, above the surface of the water. The eggs are resistant to drought and cold and come into contact with water during the summer months. You won't find the tiger mosquito in natural ponds, pools, marshes and streams.



## What can you do to prevent the tiger mosquito?

**Avoid standing water in your garden or on your terrace:**

- Empty any standing water you are not using.
- Change pet bowls and bird baths every 5 days.
- Put empty flower pots, bowls, containers, buckets, toys and wheelbarrows indoors or under a shelter, or turn them upside down.
- Cover rainwater barrels with mosquito netting.
- Change the water in the containers under the flower pots every 5 days.
- Avoid getting water on plastic sheeting by pulling it tight.
- Clean and repair gutters regularly.

Stagnant water in shared gardens and cemeteries can also be used by the tiger mosquito as a breeding site. You can prevent this if you empty all the water in these places, cover it well or change it every 5 days.

**For more information and personal preventive measures, go to [www.MosquitoSurveillance.be](http://www.MosquitoSurveillance.be).**