



Salt Marsh Mosquito *Aedes vigilax*

Major Vector for:

- Ross River Virus
- Barmah Forest Virus

Known to carry:

- dog heartworm

Habitat

Breeds in tidal influenced **salt marsh and mangrove habitats**. This mosquito can also be associated with inland regions where dryland salinity creates suitable habitats.

Larvae

Population increases are closely linked to the inundation of habitats by the **highest tides of each month** and/or **major rainfall events** when extremely high populations can occur.

Further enquiries

If you wish to obtain further information on control techniques for the Salt Marsh Mosquito, please contact Council on 1300 790 919.

Behaviour

- Considered a generalist feeder and readily bites humans and animals.
- More active at dawn and dusk but when in large numbers bites during the day in shade or sunlight.
- This mosquito **can travel up to 50km** from larval habitat.

Distribution

