

Asian Tiger Mosquito

Are you being bitten more in the last few weeks? Seems it could be the Tiger Mosquito. The female bites *day* and night. Before with the "normal" mosquitoes, they only bit at night but with the arrival of the Asian Tiger mosquito, the biting continues 24/7. You need to **ensure that there is no standing water nearby**, even residual water in the tray when plants are watered.

The difference with this species is that it can lay its eggs near running water as well and the eggs can survive very harsh dehydration and cold temperatures so everyone must be vigilant. Normally Tiger Mosquitos only fly within a 150 feet radius of where they are born so check every conceivable place for standing water and get rid of it immediately. Even if you have a drain that you know will have water in it, throw (for example) a milton tablet down there to sterilise the water.

See below 2 videos from Italy which are very educational in the awareness of the prevention of these nasty little critters!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYGZaSr4RhM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXwmQshYmHs...>

Properties which are used just for holidays - no way to get in for an inspection - are going to be a haven for these mosquitoes and everybody around them is going to get bitten to death. Best protection is to invest and I use the word invest intently in mosquito netting on the windows and even over the bed.

If you have *rejas* (Bars) on your door, you can use a glue gun and glue metal mosquito netting to it and this acts as another barrier as well. I am really surprised that Spain does not have these and I think serious considerations should be given to this especially now that the Asian Tiger Mosquito has arrived here on the Costa Blanca. Everybody must remain vigilant as best we can because after all, it is all of us who are getting bitten!

Everybody needs educating about these because it is a very serious matter. Places like America are taking the invasion very seriously.

More useful links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z86HzDAmuOM...>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7giivaSAAkA...>

I was out gardening the other day and one actually chased me. Now if I am going to do gardening, I am covered from head to toe in repellent and unfortunately I still got bitten but through an air hole on my shoes!!! You will find that usually you have a few bites because this mosquito is "jittery" and will alight/take off several times biting you every single time.