Three Ixodid Ticks of Importance

Spot Identification

**American dog tick, *Dermacentor variabilis***
- Ornamentation on ‘back’
- Adult Activity: Late March through July
- Adult Habitat: Grassy areas along paths and roads

**Blacklegged ‘deer’ tick, *Ixodes scapularis***
- No Ornamentation
- Activity: All life stages bite, Active 12 months
- Habitat: Forest & shrubs

**Lone star tick, *Amblyomma americanum***
- Ornamentation on ‘back’
- Activity: All life stages bite, April –August

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