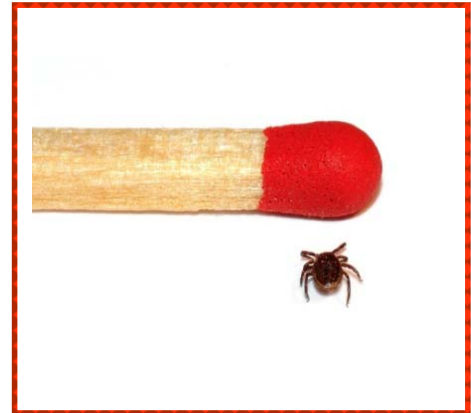


# Safety in the Foothills



## Ticks



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# TICK FACTS

Do you know how long a tick can live without a host?

4 Years

Do you know what a newborn tick is called?

A Seed Tick

Do you know how many eggs a female tick can lay at one time?

2000 or More

Do you know which bird loves to eat ticks?

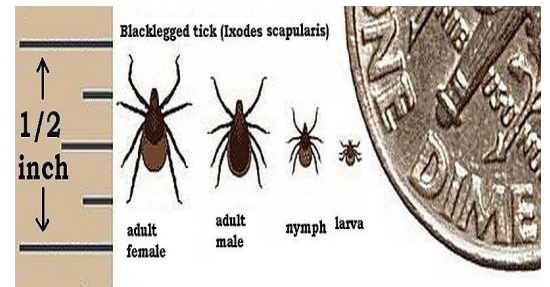
A Guineafowl



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