

Tick Photo Guide

Lighting: Bright lighting is very important for taking close-ups. The tick should be photographed in daylight (outdoors or by the window) or placed directly under a lamp. A flash may help in low light.

Camera settings: Position the camera about 7 - 15 cm from the tick, while avoiding blocking the light.

Zoom: Please zoom in to get the largest image possible while keeping the image clear and in focus.

Orientation of specimen: The tick should be placed in such a way that its back, or dorsal shield, the head, and the palps are clearly visible. If the tick is heavily engorged, placing it on white background like a cotton ball or piece of paper can help.

Scale of specimen: If you can, please place a ruler or a coin near the tick for measurement purposes.