

MOSQUITO TRAPS and the use of OCTENOL or LUREX

If you live in Georgia, in an urban or suburban area, and are being bitten during the day by a black & silver-colored mosquito, it is likely that you are being bitten by *Aedes albopictus*, the Asian tiger mosquito. Although there are other species that are similar-looking and will bite during the day, including some of the saltmarsh species, the Asian tiger mosquito is probably the number one pest species in urban and suburban areas of Georgia.

The best place to set your mosquito trap is away from your home or pool. These traps do attract mosquitoes, and will catch some of the mosquitoes in your yard. However, if there are a lot of mosquitoes in the area, you will probably not see a reduction in the number of mosquitoes biting you. Also, these traps do not catch some of the *Culex* spp very well. These are the mosquitoes that are known to carry West Nile virus. So, it is still important to wear repellent when you are outside and to be sure to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites around your home.

For additional information, check out the American Mosquito Control Association site at <http://www.mosquito.org/page/traps>.

For additional information on which attractant to use, visit <http://www.mosquitomagnet.com/advice/keys-to-success/attractants-101>.

