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# How to identify cattle tick

## Comparing cattle ticks to other ticks

Use the following table to distinguish cattle ticks from bush ticks and paralysis ticks.

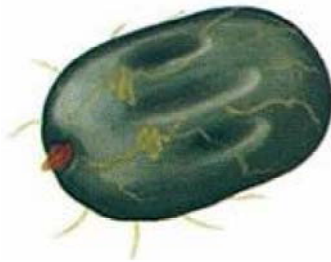
**Bush tick**



**Legs:**

- Dark red-brown
- First pair close to snout

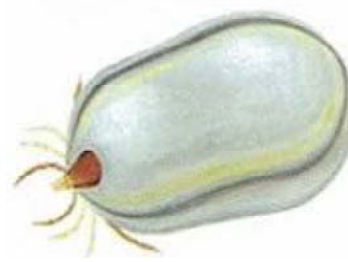
**Cattle tick**



**Legs:**

- Pale cream
- Wide space between first pair and snout

**Paralysis tick/Scrub tick**



**Legs:**

- First and last pair brown, others pale
- In V-shape line from snout down sides of body

**Bush tick**

**Body:**

- Oval

**Face:**

- Broadly oval

**Snout:**

- Short, wider at face

**Cattle tick**

**Body:**

- Oval to rectangular

**Face:**

- Oval, wider at front

**Snout:**

- Short, straight

**Paralysis tick/Scrub tick**

**Body:**

- Pear-shaped to oval

**Face:**

- Oval, wider at rear

**Snout:**

- Very long

## Cattle ticks in different stages

The following image shows what cattle ticks look like during different phases of development.



The following close-up shows 2 engorged female cattle ticks.



## Also consider...

- View a [map of cattle tick free and infested zones](http://arcg.is/1U1pD2f) (<http://arcg.is/1U1pD2f>).
- Contact [Biosecurity Queensland](https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/about-us/contact-us) (<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/about-us/contact-us>) for more information on cattle ticks.
- Read more about [cattle ticks](https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/livestock/animal-welfare/pests-diseases-disorders/cattle-tick) (<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/livestock/animal-welfare/pests-diseases-disorders/cattle-tick>).

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