

Support Wildlife and Human Health Research: Please Collect Ticks!

- Researchers at Emory University are collecting ticks from harvested Wild Turkeys for disease surveillance
- If you find a tick on your harvested turkey, please place the tick in a Ziploc bag or other container with a bit of hand sanitizer.
- Record the location and date, and return to a Game Management Region Office or contact Emily.Rushton@dnr.ga.gov for mailing instructions



Goal

Our goal is to gather ticks from Georgia wildlife to learn about what they feed on, their distribution, and what pathogens they may be carrying. We are reaching out to hunters across the state with the hopes that folks will collect any ticks they may find on their game (no matter what species) and/or themselves after a day in the woods.

HELP US STOP THE SPREAD



About Us

In Emory's Prokopec Lab, we work to understand how vector-borne diseases spread. Our current project investigates how ticks, people, and wildlife interact and contribute to the transmission of these diseases. Our aim is to use knowledge, gathered from real-world studies and experiments, to better understand and predict how emerging diseases spread.

EMORY UNIVERSITY

Tick Research



We want your
ticks!

Why Get Involved?

- 1. Protect Yourself and Your Community:**
Tick-borne diseases are on the rise. By helping us study these ticks, you contribute to finding ways to reduce the risk for yourself, your family, and fellow hunters.
- 2. Support Wildlife Health:** Understanding tick populations can help us monitor the health of local wildlife, ensuring balanced ecosystems and healthier game for future generations.
- 3. Contribute to Science:** Your collected ticks will provide valuable data that helps us understand how diseases spread. This information is crucial for developing effective prevention strategies.
- 4. Make a Difference:** Join a community of responsible hunters who are taking action to protect their health and the environment. Together, we can make strides toward a safer outdoor experience.

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Thank you!

Your involvement will help answer some of our most pressing research questions. We couldn't do it without you, thank you!

All materials supplied.
Instructions for tick collection are available, as are the materials necessary. Just follow the steps on the instruction sheet, drop off your samples in the collection box/basket and we will be very grateful!

Feel free to reach out with any questions.