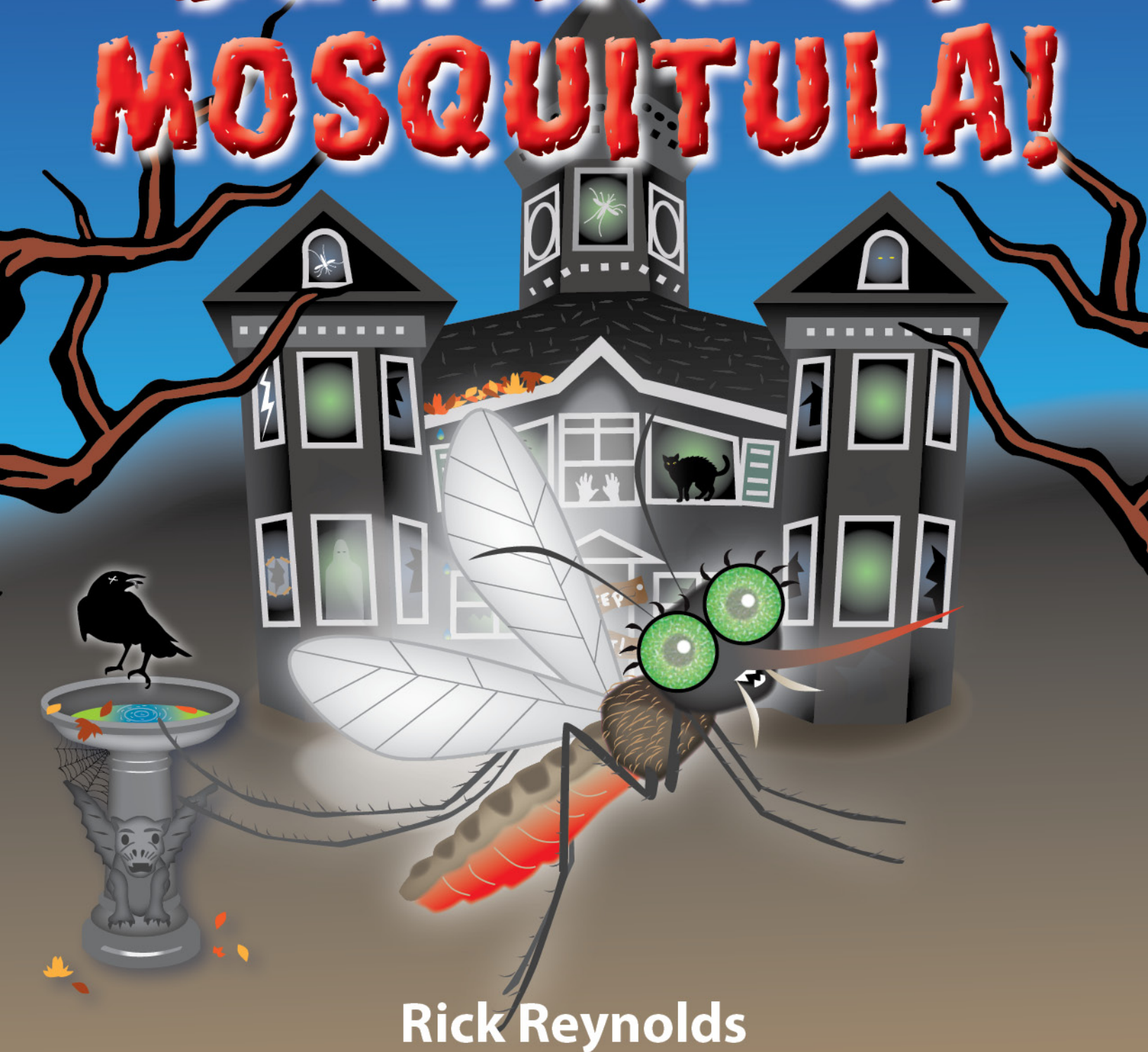
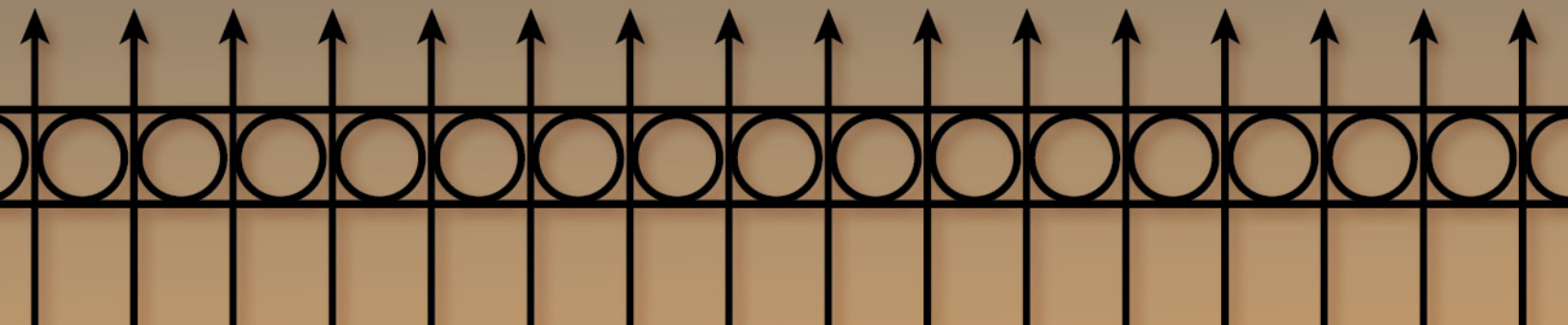


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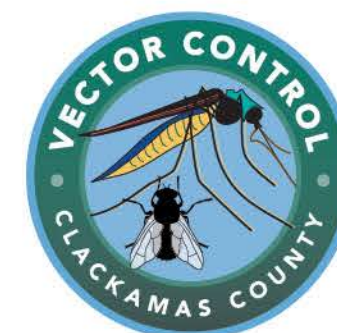
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The Sun is setting. The light grows dim.

Zany zombies go out to play.



Those zany zombies!

They didn't think about mosquitoes!



They let water collect.  
Now it's FULL of baby mosquitoes!

Like almost all insects,  
mosquitoes begin life as eggs.



Mosquito larva



Mosquito pupa



The eggs are warmed by the Sun.  
Then they hatch into wriggling larvae.



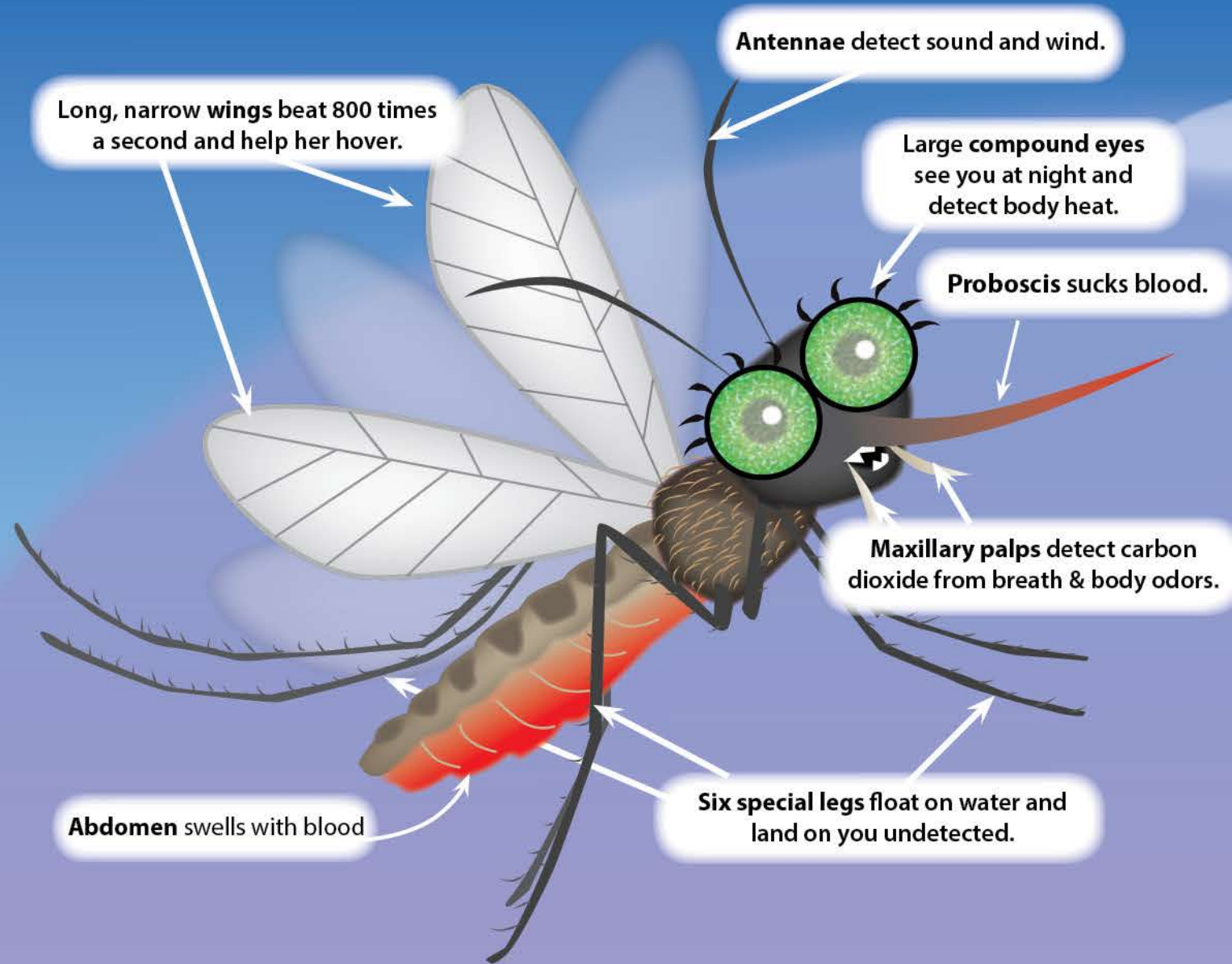
Next, they become pupae.  
Finally, they take flight as ...

# MOSQUITUTULA!

Male adults just drink flower nectar.  
Females also need BLOOD to lay eggs.



**MOSQUITULA** has super powers  
for sucking blood.



**DON'T LET HER BITE YOU!**  
Mosquito bites itch.  
They can also make you sick.

Tiny mosquitoes  
are the **DEADLIEST**  
animals in the  
world to humans!  
They carry dreaded  
diseases like West  
Nile virus, Zika  
virus, and malaria.





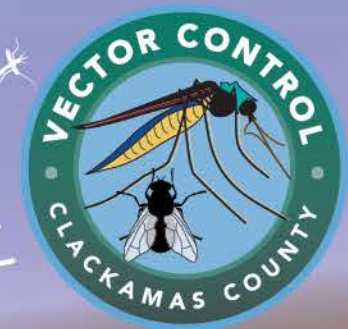
Can you find these things collecting water?  
Look in the picture and where you live, too.  
Dump 'em out so MOSQUITULA can't lay eggs!

- Bottle
- Can
- Clogged rain gutter
- Jar
- Grill cover
- Leaky faucet
- Low areas on the ground
- Plant pot and saucer

# More Ways to Fight the Bites!



- Go inside at dusk--  
**MOSQUITULA'S** favorite time to suck blood.
- Look for holes in screens.  
Fix them so she can't get in!
- Use a fan outside at night.  
Wind can keep **MOSQUITULA** from landing on you!
- Be extra careful in wetlands and forests.
- Bats and birds like swallows eat **MILLIONS** of mosquitoes! Make or buy houses for them.
- Fix leaks.
- Dry up wet areas. Grow plants that can help, like ferns.
- Contact Clackamas County Vector Control. They can help with free mosquito fish for ponds and a lot more!



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