

More West Nile virus-infected mosquitoes confirmed in Butte County

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Eleven more groups of mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus have been confirmed in Butte County in the last two weeks, according to the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

The district has identified the virus in areas near or in Chico, Biggs, Gridley, Richvale, Nelson, Honcut, and outlying agricultural areas.

Residents are urged to take all precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes, to drain any and all un-needed standing water, and to report any suspected mosquito-breeding sites.

The public is encouraged to become part of the state's monitoring effort by reporting any birds that may have been dead for less than 48 hours by calling call 1-877-968-2473, or visiting the CDHS website, www.westnile.ca.gov.

The district also asks residents to report suspected mosquito-breeding sites and/or any mosquito activity by phone at 533-6038 or 342-7350 or on the district website at www.BCMVCD.com.