

West Nile virus confirmed throughout Butte County

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More confirmation has been received that West Nile virus is widespread in mosquitoes throughout Butte County

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District says West Nile Virus has been found in 30 mosquito pools, four dead birds, and four sentinel chickens in the last few weeks.

The District has identified the virus in or near Chico, Biggs, Dayton, Gridley, Richvale, Nelson, Palermo, Wyandotte, Honcut and outlying agricultural areas. A caller from Brush Creek says the disease has been confirmed in dead birds there.

The district urges residents to take precautions against getting bitten by mosquitoes, drain any un-needed standing water, and report any suspected mosquito-breeding sites to the district at 533-6038 or 342-7350 or website at www.BCMVCD.com.

More information is available at that website or www.westnile.ca.gov.