Subject: Mosquito Whine
Posted by audioaudio90 on Thu, 06 Jun 2013 11:19:50 GMT
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Why does the whine of a mosquito put us so on edge? Is it the actual sound, or is it what hearing a nearby mosquito portends?

I hear this a lot since I seem to be a mosquito magnet while everyone else is just fine.

Subject: Re: Mosquito Whine
Posted by Nymeria on Fri, 14 Jun 2013 12:09:30 GMT
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I think it's a combination. It seems like mosquito whines are in a particularly irritating frequency range and any time you have a mosquito right next to you, you get paranoid about bites.

Subject: Re: Mosquito Whine
Posted by Nisha on Sun, 30 Jun 2013 23:23:14 GMT
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Apparently the whining of mosquitoes reaches a frequency of up to 1200 hertz when they are courting each other. Normally a female's wing-beat produces a frequency of 400 hertz, and a male's frequency is 600 hertz. While courting, this whining increases significantly and the combined frequency is a staggering 1200 hertz.