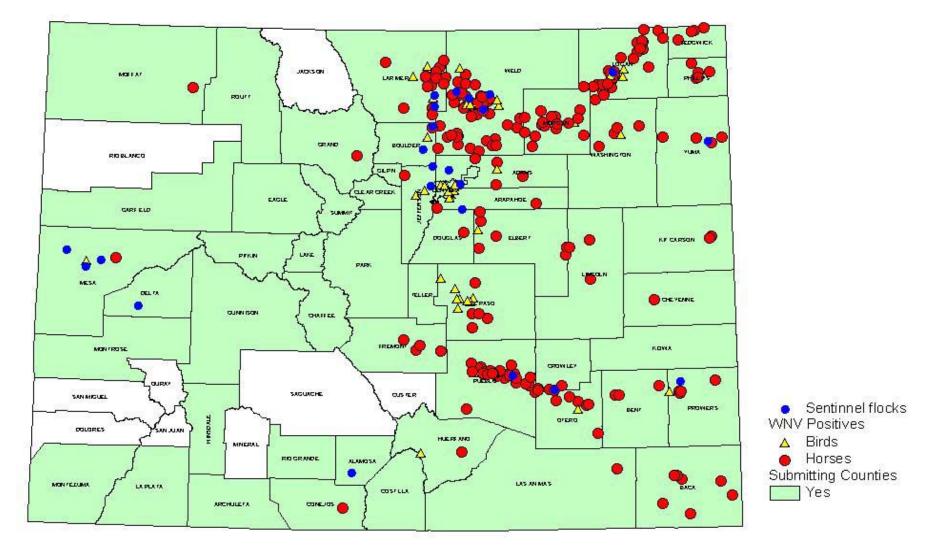
## West Nile Virus in Colorado, 2003

## What I Did on My Summer Vacation

OR

John Pape, Epidemiologist Communicable Disease Epidemiology Program Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment 303-692-2628 john.pape@state.co.us

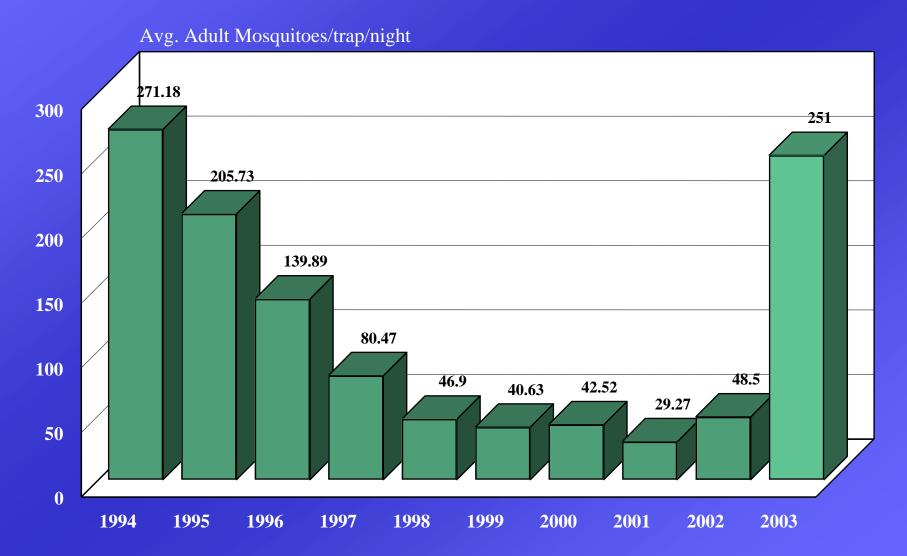
#### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Final Map - December 2002



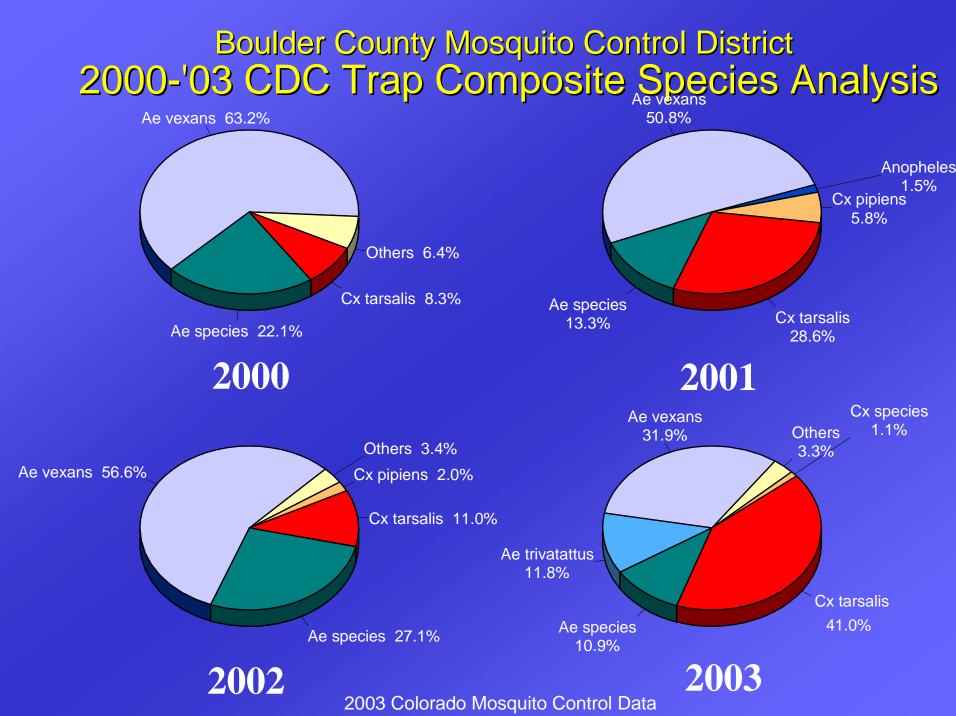
# Factors Leading to Colorado's 2003 WNV Epidemic

- Second Year Phenomenon
  - Whole season to amplify in a naïve local bird populations
- Ideal weather for mosquito production
  - Wet spring, hot summer
  - Renewal of agricultural irrigation
- Culex tarsalis highly competent vector
- Plenty of "soft" targets

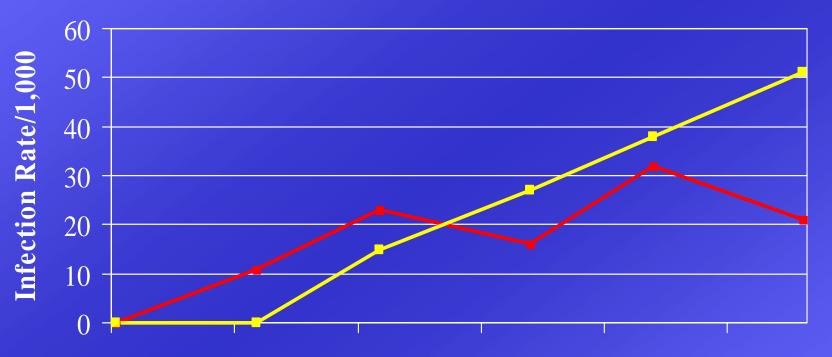
## Adult Mosquito Population Comparison '94-'03 Boulder County Mosquito Control District



2003 Colorado Mosquito Control Data



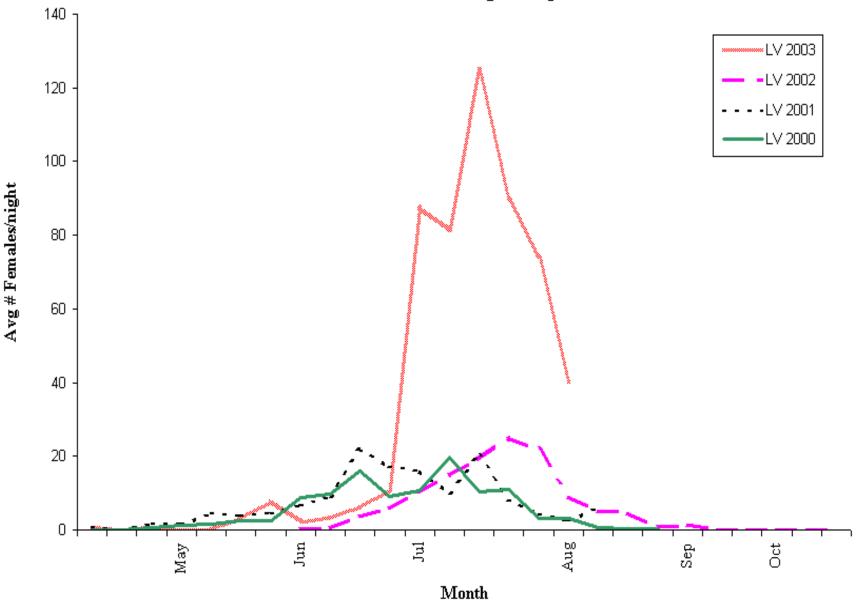
## Mosquito Infections Rates, Culex Species, Selected Colorado Counties, 2003



6/15/2003 6/29/2003 7/13/2003 7/27/2003 8/10/2003 8/24/2003

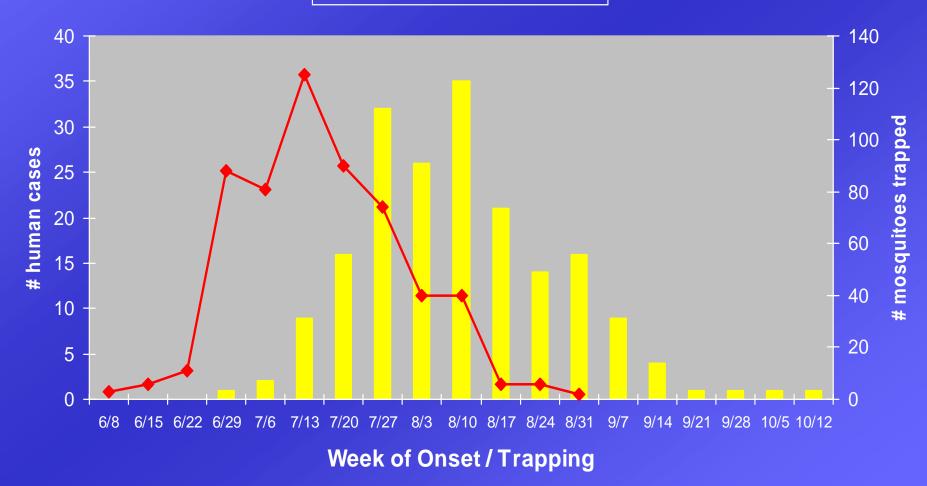
Date By Two Week Intervals ---- Adams County ---- Boulder County

Culex tarsalis Loveland Area CDC/ CO2 light traps



## Culex tarsalis Populations Compared to Illness Onset, Loveland, 2003

📕 # of cases 🔶 C tarsalis



## Mosquito Surveillance Colorado 2003

Species	Pools tested	Positive	% Positive
All Species*	2704	639	24%
C tarsalis	1415	477	34%
Other <i>Culex</i>	595	141	24%
Other species	47	4	9%

\* Includes 646 mixed species pools

# WNV Positive Avian Species, Colorado, 2003

#### • Corvids

- American crow (249/414 = 60%)
- Magpie (286/658 = 43%)
- Raven (18/39 = 46%)
- Jays (121/246 = 49%)
  - Blue (93), Scrub (19), Stellar (7), Pinon (2)

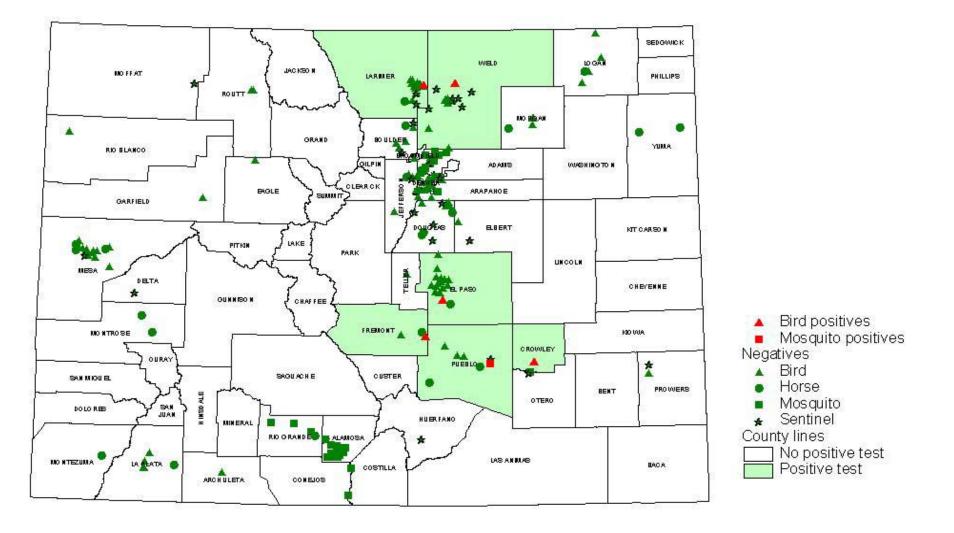
#### • Non-Corvids

- Raptors (58/89 = 65%)
- Other avian (39/129 = 30%)
- Zoo (4 )
  - Brant goose, flamingo, swan, red-breasted goose

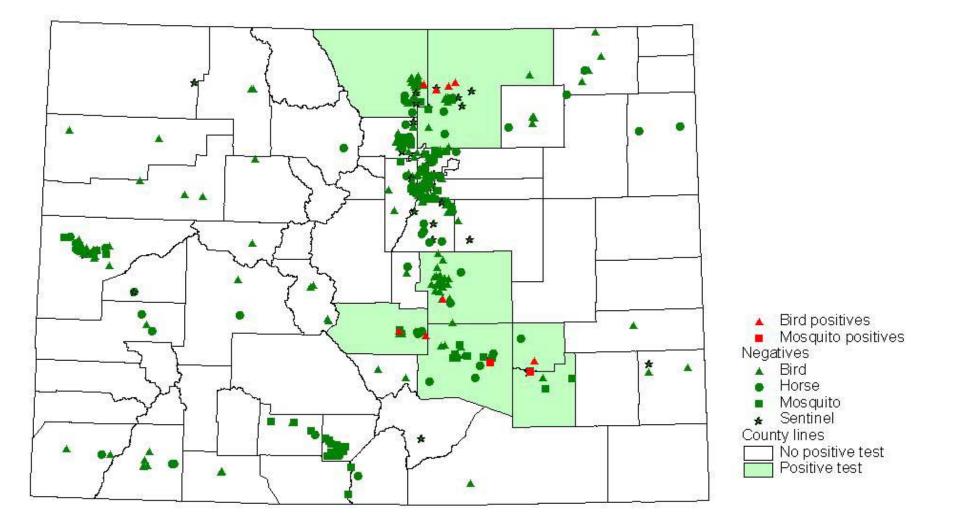
# WNV Positive Mammalian Species, Colorado, 2003

- Horses 604 / 1099 (55%)
- Alpaca (10)
- Dog (4)
- fox squirrel (4)
- Abert's squirrel (2); prairie dog (2); elk (2)
- One each: coyote, fox, grey squirrel, mule deer, raccoon, reindeer, wolf,

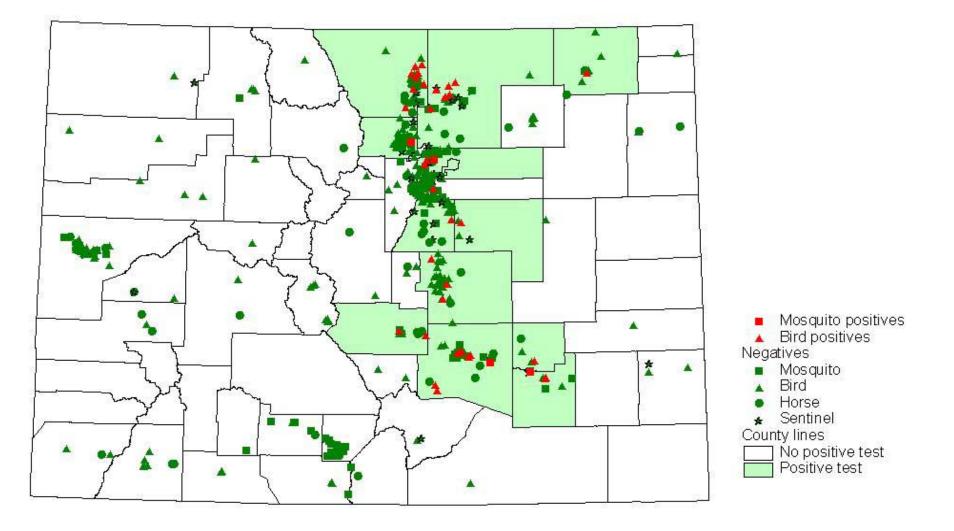
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated July 1, 2003



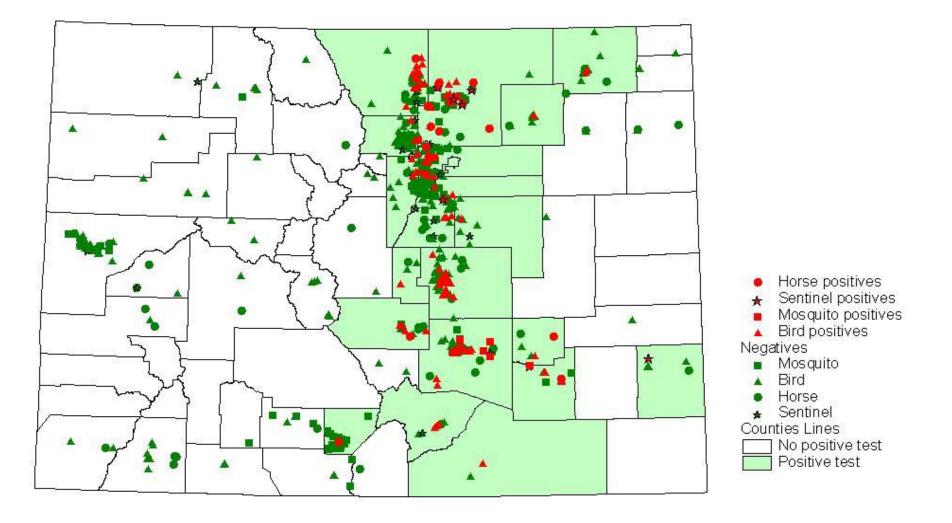
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated July 10, 2003



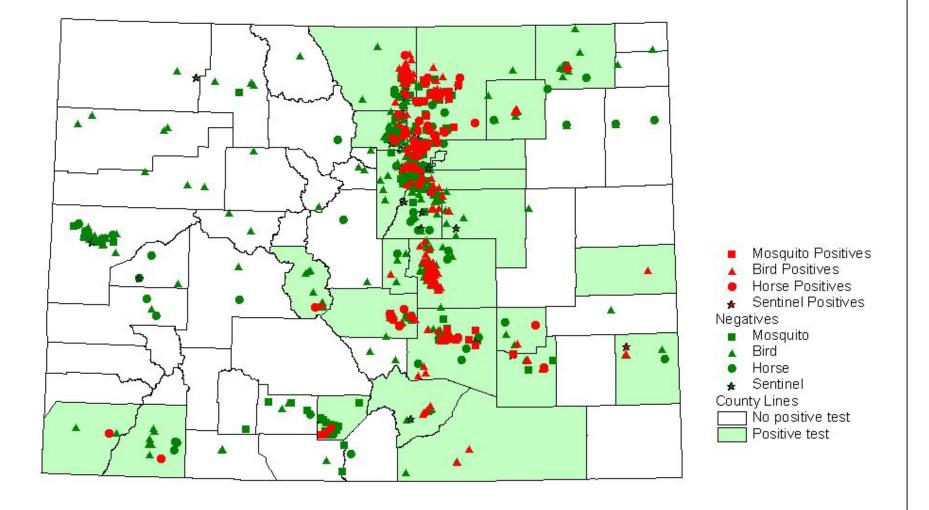
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated July 15, 2003



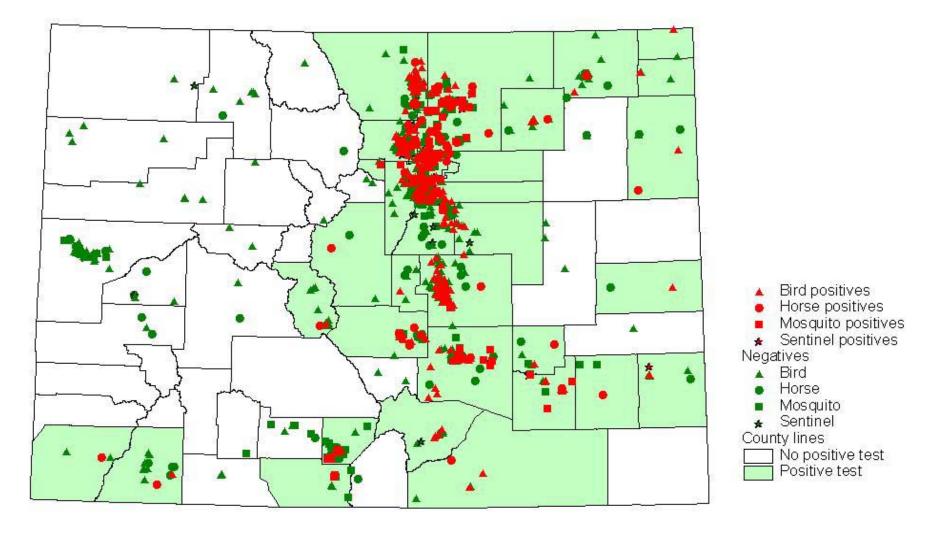
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated July 22, 2003



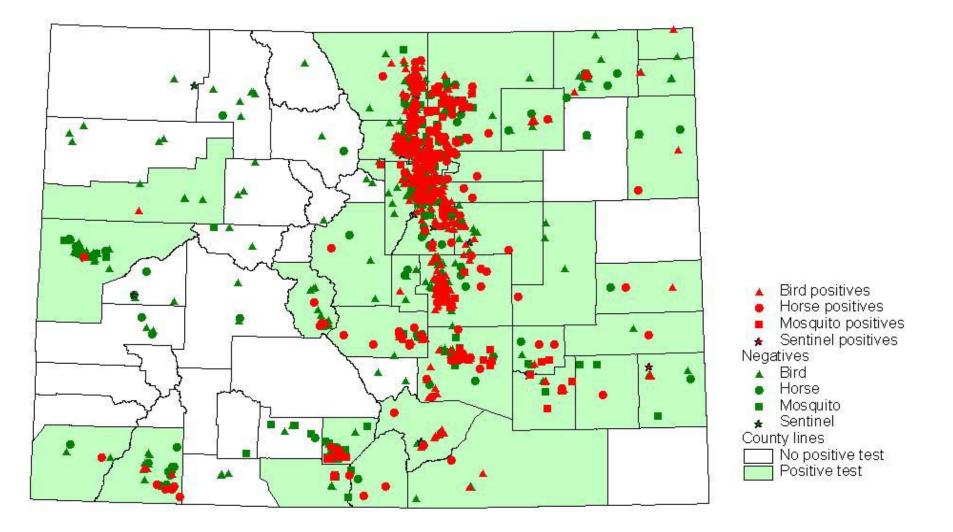
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated July 25, 2003



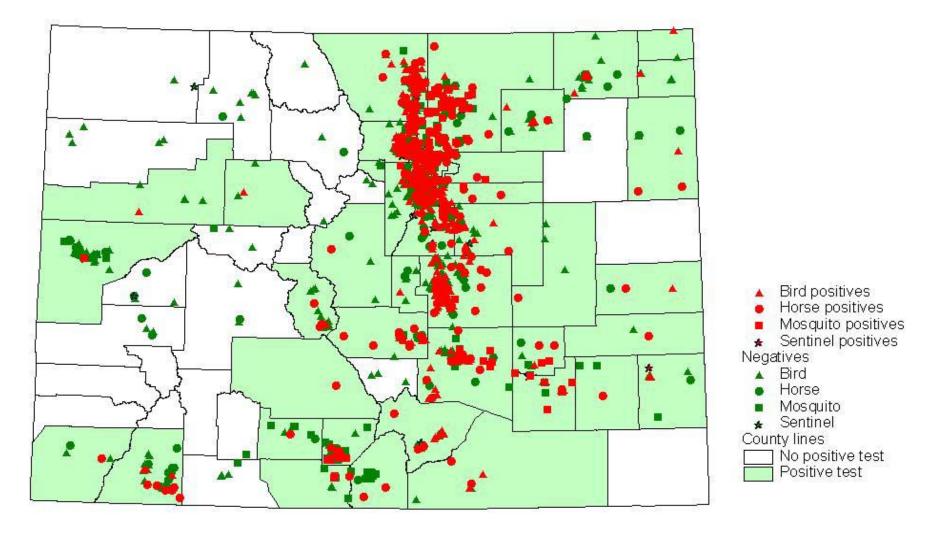
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated August 1, 2003



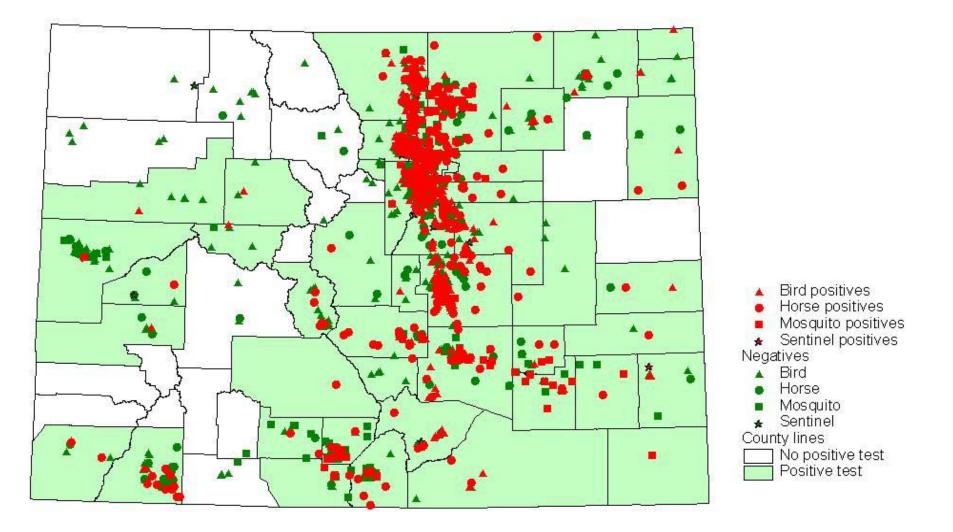
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated August 8, 2003



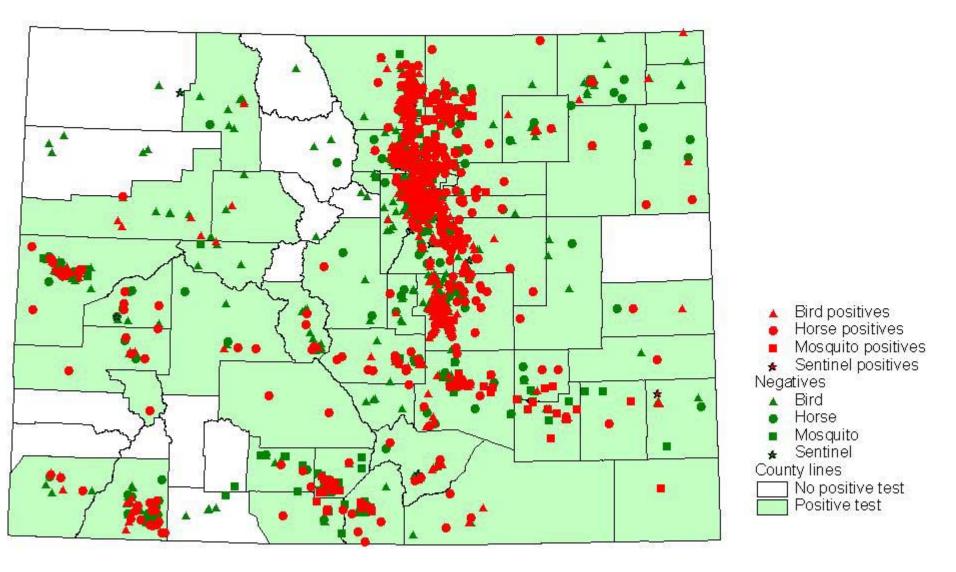
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated August 14, 2003



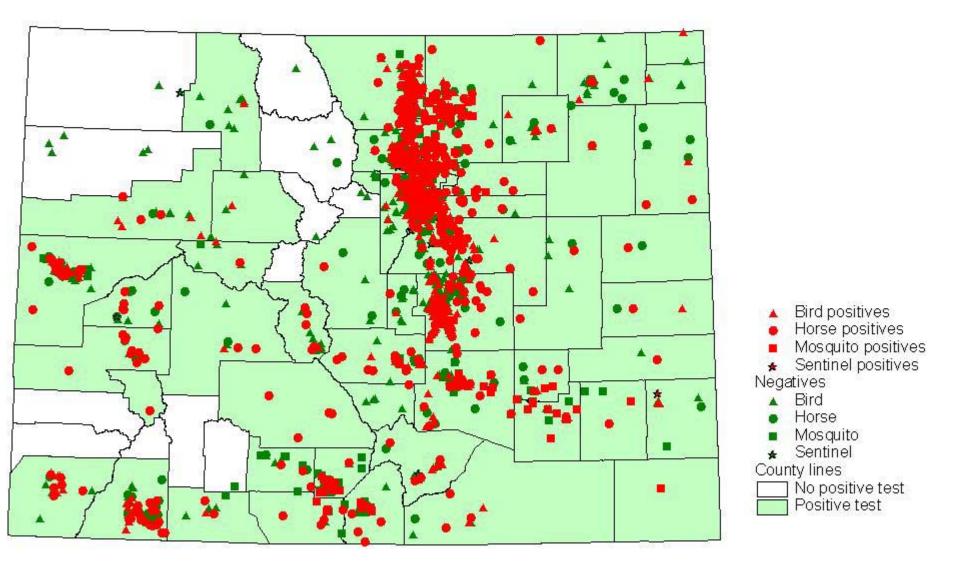
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated August 20, 2003



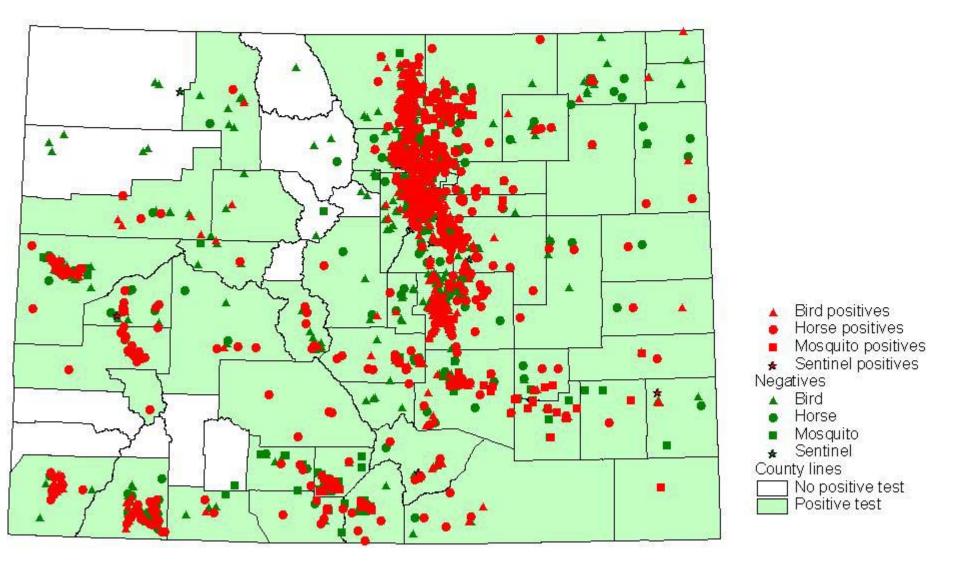
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated August 29, 2003



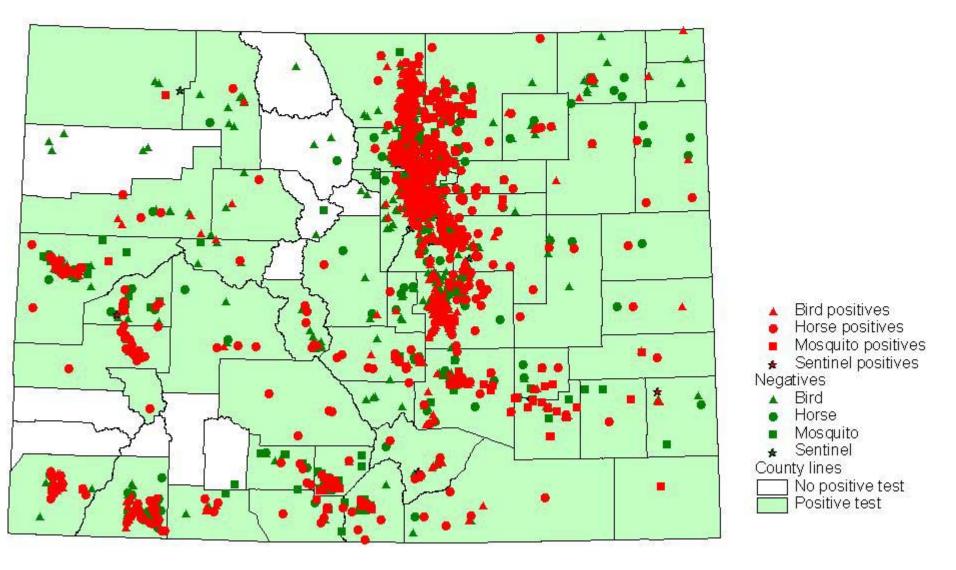
## Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated September 5, 2003



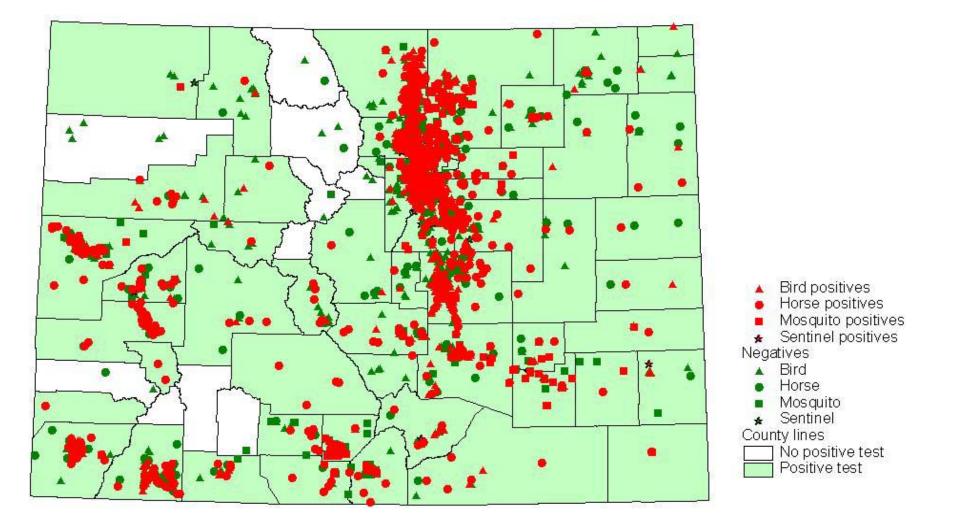
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated September 12, 2003



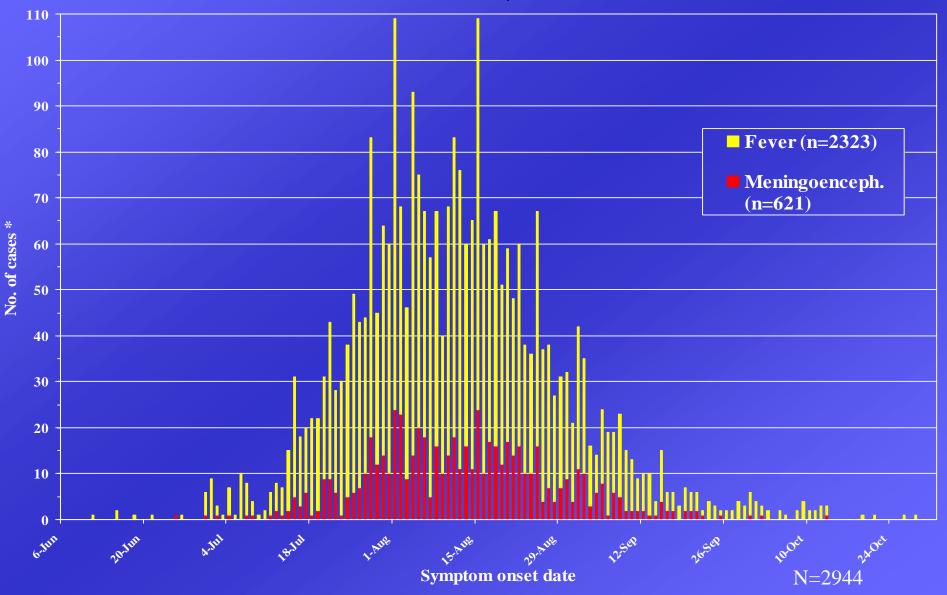
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated September 18, 2003



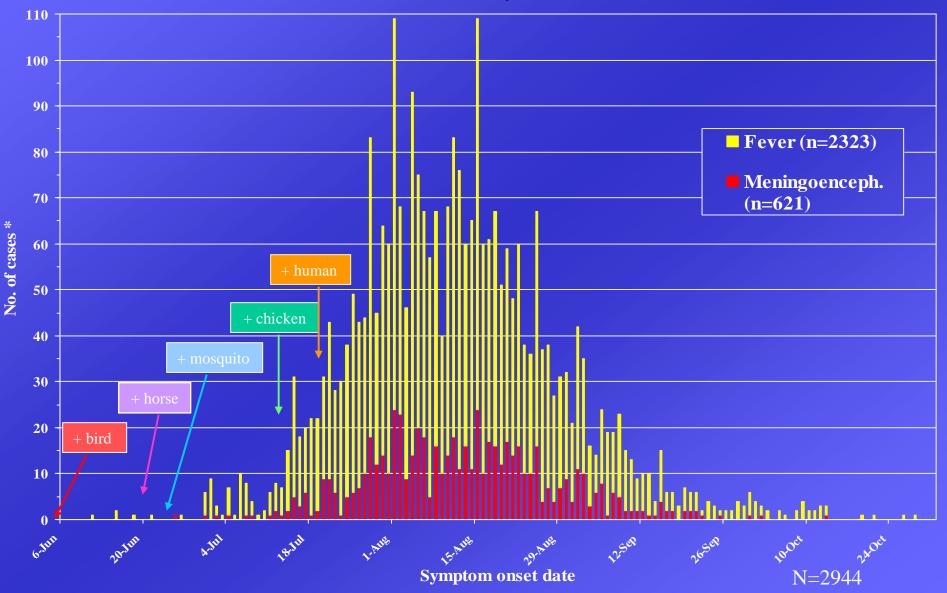
### Colorado West Nile Virus Surveillance Updated October 15, 2003



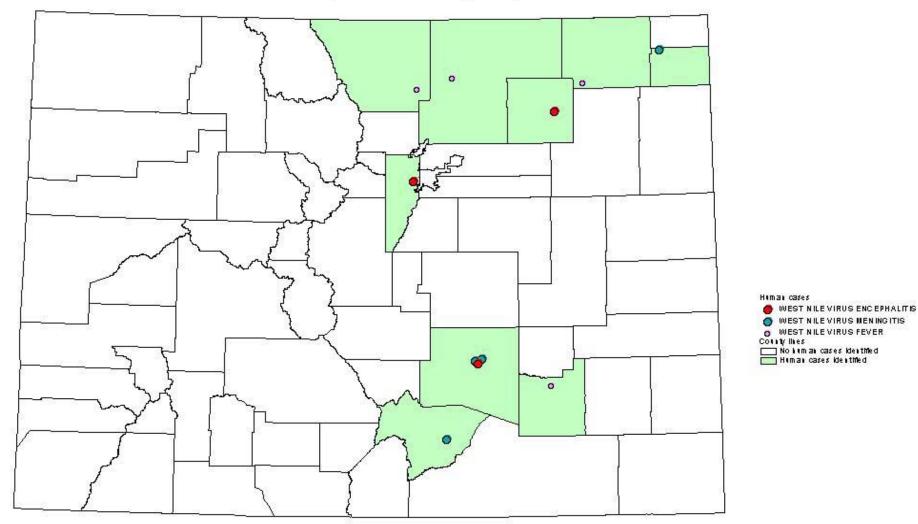
## Onset Dates of Human West Nile Virus Cases, Colorado, 2003



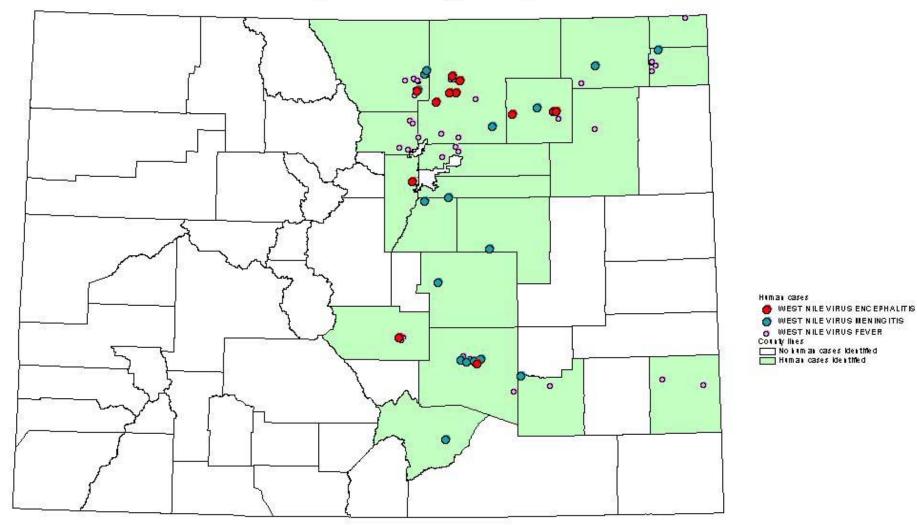
## Onset Dates of Human West Nile Virus Cases, Colorado, 2003



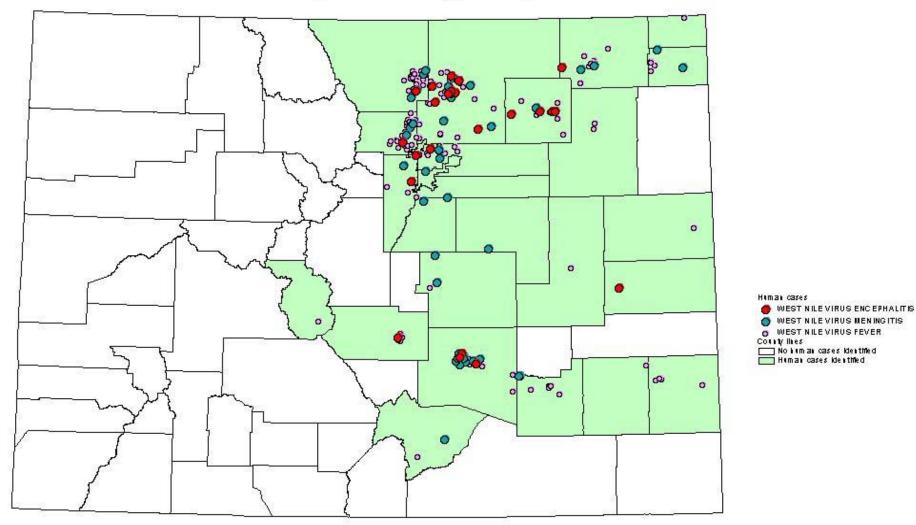
#### Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases Updated July 25, 2003



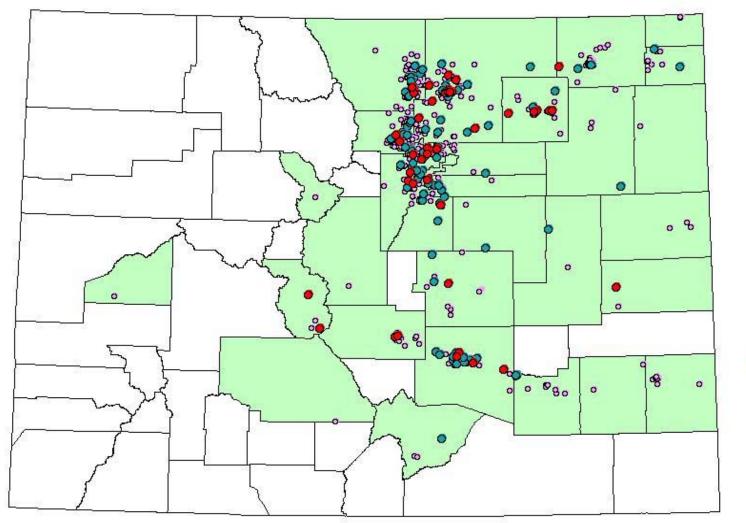
#### Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases Updated August 1, 2003

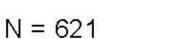


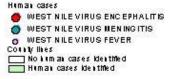
#### Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases Updated August 8, 2003



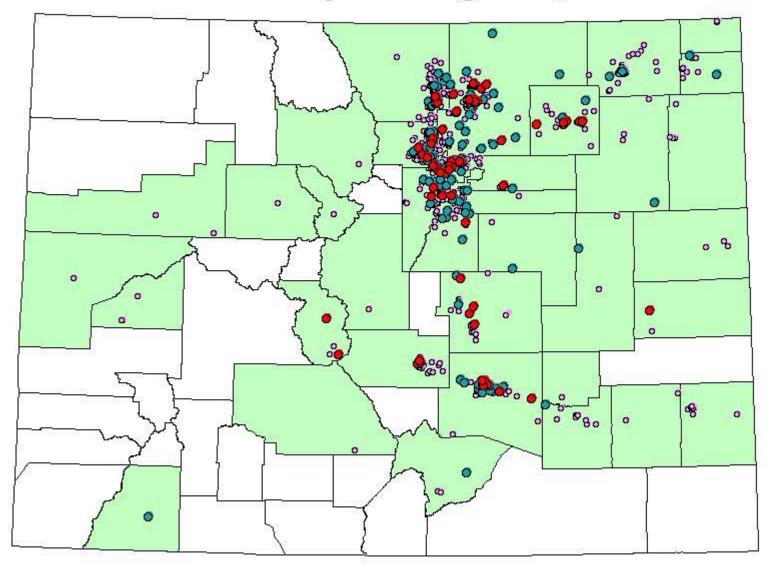
#### Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases Updated August 15, 2003





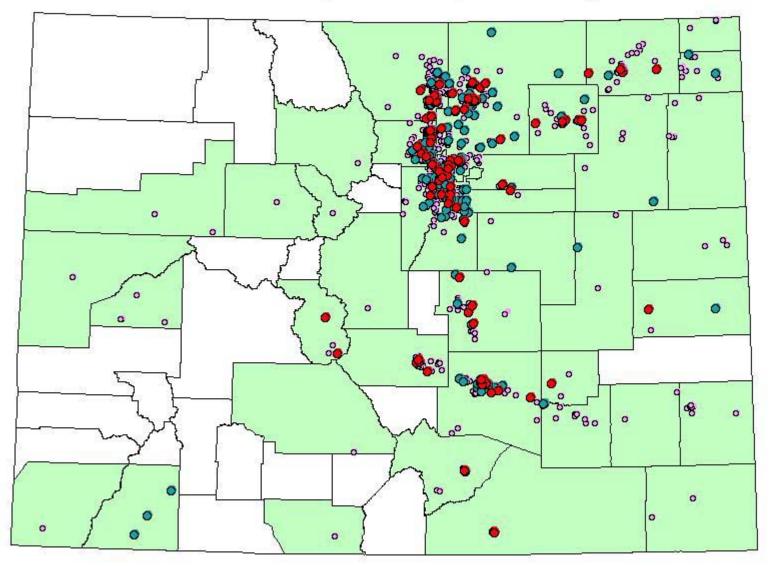


#### Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases Updated August 29, 2003



HIMAN CASES WEST NILE VIRUS ENCEPHALM WEST NILE VIRUS MENING ITIS WEST NILE VIRUS FEVER COUNTY lines No Iuman cases identified HIMAN cases identified

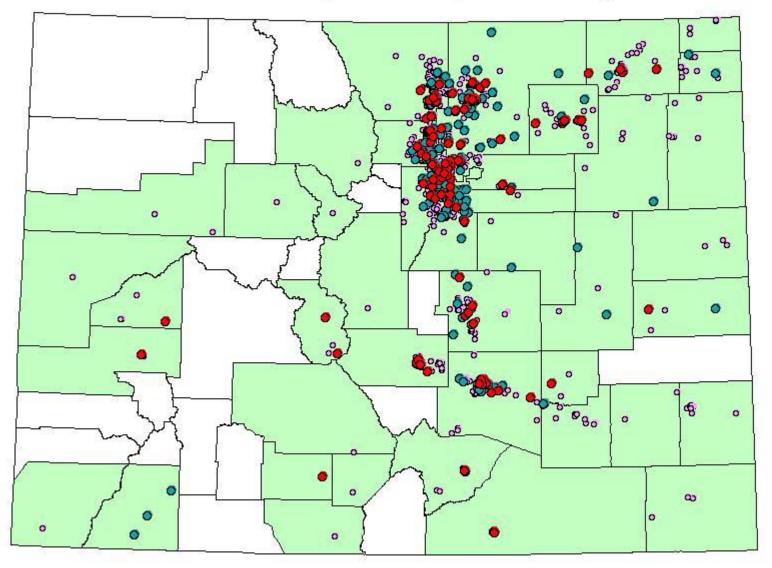
#### Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases Updated September 5, 2003



Human cases WEST NILE VIRUS ENCEPHALT WEST NILE VIRUS MENINGITIS WEST NILE VIRUS FEVER County lines No human cases identified Human cases identified

N = 1,043

#### Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases Updated September 10, 2003



HIMAN CASES WEST NILE VIRUS ENCEPHALM WEST NILE VIRUS MENING ITIS WEST NILE VIRUS FEVER COUNTY Mes Notion and cases identified Himan cases identified

N = 1,243

#### Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases Updated September 18, 2003

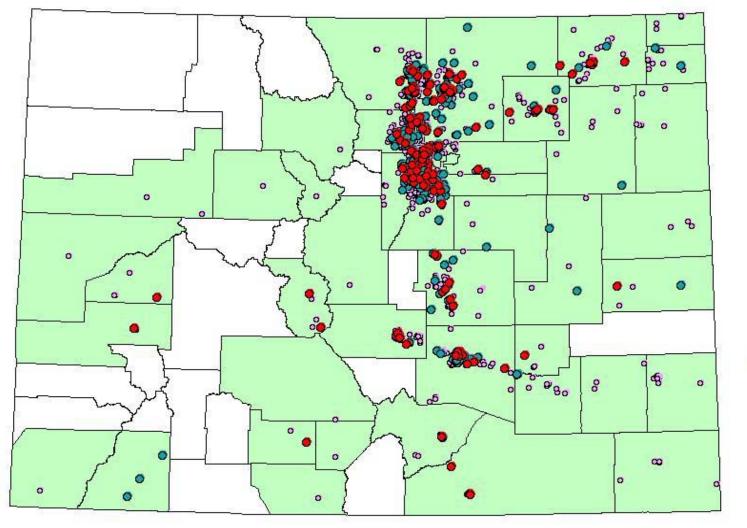
Human cases

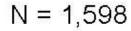
County lines

WEST NILE VIRUS ENCEPHALITIS

WEST NILE VIRUS MENINGITIS WEST NILE VIRUS FEVER

No hum an cases identified Hum an cases identified





#### Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases Updated October 29, 2003

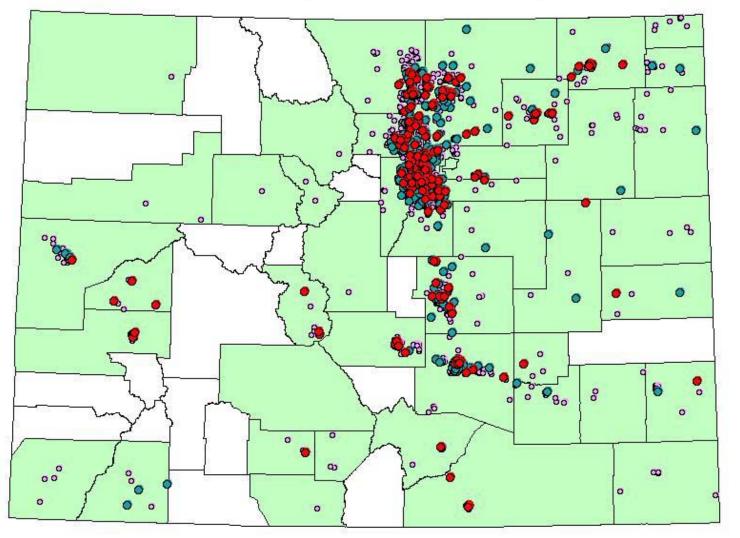
Heman cases

County lines

0

WEST NILE VIRUS ENCEPHALITIS WEST NILE VIRUS MENING ITIS WEST NILE VIRUS FEVER

] No hum an cases identified Hum an cases identified



N = 2,464

#### Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases Updated January 29, 2004

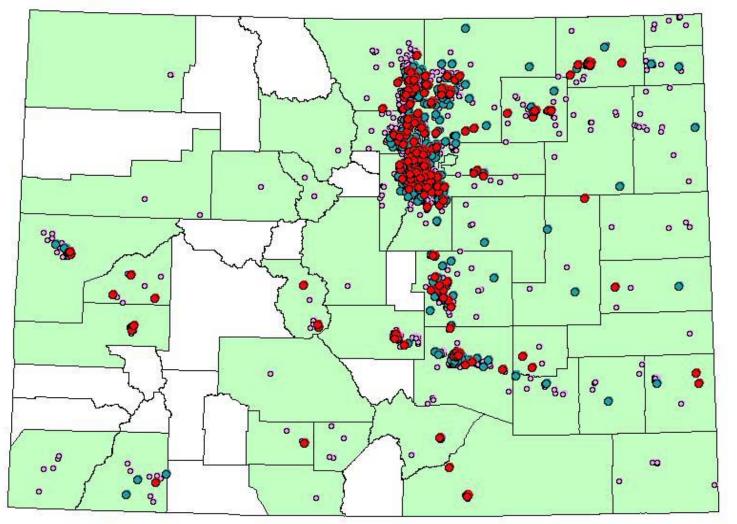
Human cases

County lines

0

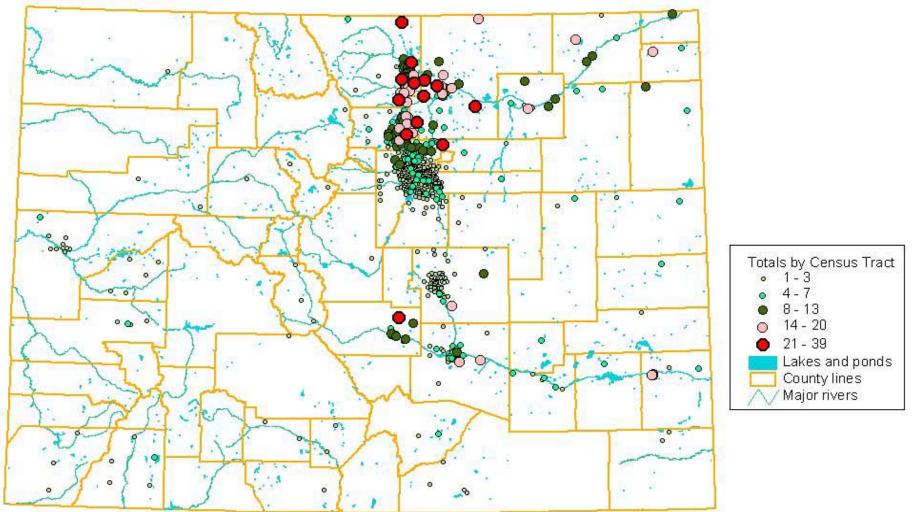
WEST NILE VIRUS ENCEPHALITIS WEST NILE VIRUS MENING ITIS WEST NILE VIRUS FEVER

No hum an cases identified Hum an cases identified



N = 2,944

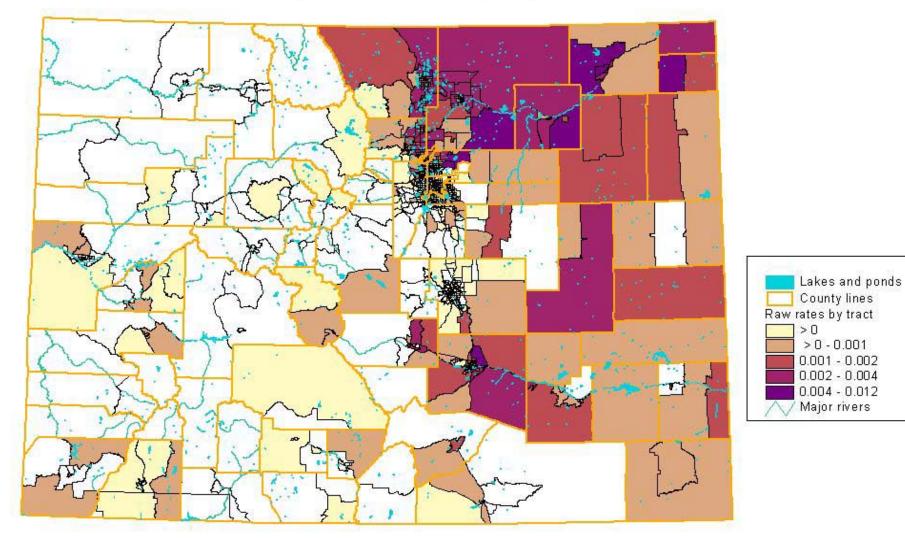




N = 2,944

Each point represents the centroid of a 2000 census tract. The size and color of the point represents the total number of people in that tract who contracted West Nile Virus in 2003.

Colorado West Nile Virus Human Cases - Summed by Census Tract Updated January 30, 2004



N = 2,944

## WNV Human Cases, Colorado, 2003

#### • 2944 cases / 54 deaths

- 2323 fever (79%), 390 meningitis (13%), 231 encephalitis (8%)
- 2609 (89%) interviewed
- Age
  - Median 47 years (range 6 wks 95 years)
- 52% females
- 174 positive blood donors, 36 pregnant women, 11 breast-feeding
- AFP and long term sequelae being investigated.

## Impact on Medical System

- LA study cost per hospitalized pt = \$26,000
- Colorado 2003
  - 861 hospitalized cases = \$22.4 million
  - Not calculated
    - Missed work, outpt costs, rehab, long term disability
- One Medical Center
  - -10-12 admission day at peak
  - 10% of all admission July September

Top Five Reported Symptoms of WNV Fever (n = 2100)

- Malaise (85%)
- Headache (85%)
- Myalgia (77%)
- Fever (75%)
- Muscle weakness (72%)

Top Five Reported Symptoms of WNV Meningitis (n = 325)

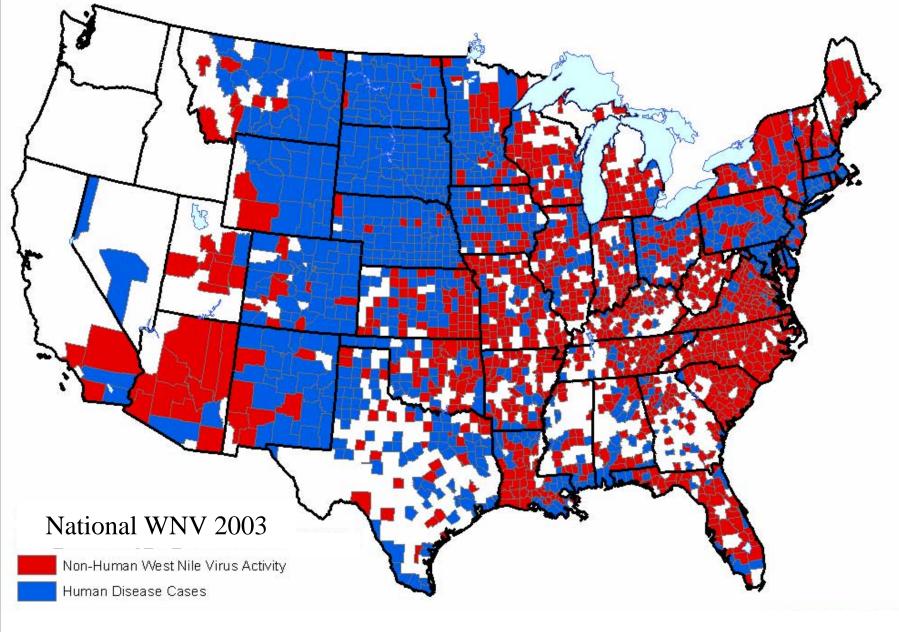
- Fever (94%)
- Headache (90%)
- Malaise (86%)
- Muscle weakness (86%)
- Myalgia / anorexia (81%)

Top Five Reported Symptoms of WNV Encephalitis (n = 181)

- Fever (93%)
- Muscle weakness (83%)
- Changed mental state (78%)
- Malaise (69%)
- Headache (66%)

## Interesting Findings . . .

- Average duration of illness = 13.9 days
- Patients still ill at time of interview = 37%
- Known mosquito bites = 67%
- Repellant use: Never = 53.7% Always = 11.2%
- 60% of patients reported a rash
- 45% reported a change in mental state
- 31% reported muscle tremors



# **And for 2004 ?**