Be a hero. Spill the water!



how many mosquitoes?

Did you know that many of Florida's native animals and insects love to eat mosquitoes? In fact, the eastern mosquitofish (Gambusia holbrooki), is an efficient and natural predator of mosquitoes. This little fish is known to eat as much as one and a half times its body weight in various invertebrate prey (animals with no spine!) like mosquito larvae in a day. Mosquito control districts across the country use the eastern and western mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis) to help reduce mosquito populations.

If a mosquitofish can eat 1,000 mosquito larvae in an hour, and 3 mosquitofish are feeding for 3½ hours, how many larvae can they consume?





Answer: 10,500 larvae!

Learn more about Florida's native animals: http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/profiles/.

DON'T BE A MOSQUITO SNACK! Before you go outside, cover up with long sleeve shirts and pants, and EPA-approved bug spray.





