

Culiseta minnesotae Barr

OVERWINTERING STAGE: Adult female. **PHENOLOGY:** Probably multivoltine.

LARVAL HABITAT: Larvae can be found in semi-permanent to permanent sedge and cattail marshes as well as other wetland and bog habitats.

HOST PREFERENCES:

Females prefer birds to other hosts, but will occasionally feed on small mammals and turtles. They do not readily feed on humans.

VIRUS TESTING RESULTS:

Virus	# specimens tested	# pools tested	# positive pools	MIR
WNV	7,172	122	0	0
EEE	276	3	0	0
La Crosse	0	0	0	0

COMMENTS:

This species was first collected in Pennsylvania in the year 2000. The Philipsburg swamp that spans Centre and Clearfield Counties produces the only significant population of this species in the state. The wetland is acidic due to acid mine discharge and iron precipitate is often visible on the emergent vegetation. The habitat is shared with an abundant population of *Ochlerotatus cantator*, which is also generally rare in the state outside of this location.

