

Ochlerotatus excrucians (Walker)

OVERWINTERING STAGE: Egg.

PHENOLOGY: Univoltine.

LARVAL HABITAT:

Larvae prefer snow pools, woodland pools, and semi-permanent wetlands with an abundance of vegetation.

HOST PREFERENCES:

Females do not fly far from their larval habitats in search of hosts. They are primarily mammal feeders (including humans).

VIRUS TESTING RESULTS:

Virus	# specimens tested	# pools tested	# positive pools	MIR
WNV	873	35	0	0
EEE	0	0	0	0
La Crosse	0	0	0	0

COMMENTS:

This spring species is much more common in the northern counties than in the southern ones. Adults are somewhat difficult to differentiate from *Oc. stimulans* and were sometimes lumped together as “*Oc. stimulans* group” if specimens were in poor conditions. The data in the virus testing results and distribution map represent specimens that were confirmed as *Oc. excrucians*.

