

Ochlerotatus provocans (Walker)

OVERWINTERING STAGE: Egg.

PHENOLOGY: Univoltine.

LARVAL HABITAT:

Larvae can be found in snow pools, temporary woodland pools, swamps and bogs.

HOST PREFERENCES:

Females prefer mammalian blood to other potential hosts.

VIRUS TESTING RESULTS:

Virus	# specimens tested	# pools tested	# positive pools	MIR
WNV	199	12	0	0
EEE	0	0	0	0
La Crosse	0	0	0	0

COMMENTS:

Surprisingly, this moderately common and widespread spring species was not discovered in the state until 1975. Eggs are among the earliest to hatch and larvae can be collected from the middle of March through April. By May, most larvae have pupated or emerged as adults.

