

# *Ochlerotatus punctor* (Kirby)

**OVERWINTERING STAGE:** Egg.

**PHENOLOGY:** Univoltine.

**LARVAL HABITAT:**

Larvae can be found in snow pools, coniferous forest pools, grassy pools, sphagnum bogs and other acidic bogs.

**HOST PREFERENCES:**

Females are primarily mammal feeders (including humans).

**VIRUS TESTING RESULTS:**

Virus	# specimens tested	# pools tested	# positive pools	MIR
WNV	31	5	0	0
EEE	0	0	0	0
La Crosse	0	0	0	0

**COMMENTS:**

This spring species is rare in the southern part of the state, but is relatively common in the northern half, especially in acidic bog habitats. Adult females are nearly indistinguishable from *Oc. abserratus*. The data for virus testing results, seasonality, and distribution includes adult female specimens that were identified as *Oc. abserratus/punctor*. Larvae of these two species are easily differentiated, so *Oc. abserratus* larval records are not included in the distribution. These species share very similar habitats and life cycles.

