

Ochlerotatus tormentor (Dyar and Knab)

OVERWINTERING STAGE: Egg.

PHENOLOGY: Multivoltine.

LARVAL HABITAT:

Larvae prefer semi-permanent to permanent, shaded woodland pools.

HOST PREFERENCES:

Females generally prefer mammalian blood.

VIRUS TESTING RESULTS:

No specimens were tested for arboviruses in Pennsylvania.

COMMENTS:

Adult females are nearly indistinguishable from *Oc. atlanticus*, although larvae are easily differentiated. This species is rare in the state. Only 109 specimens of *Oc. atlanticus/tormentor* have ever been collected in PA with ninety of those being taken from southern Bucks County. No larvae were collected.

