

Psorophora ciliata (Fabricius)

OVERWINTERING STAGE: Egg.

PHENOLOGY: Multivoltine.

LARVAL HABITAT:

Larvae live in temporary rain-filled pools, drainage ditches and puddles.

HOST PREFERENCES:

Females prefer mammalian hosts. It is a large species that can inflict a painful bite.

VIRUS TESTING RESULTS:

Virus	# specimens tested	# pools tested	# positive pools	MIR
WNV	31	15	0	0
EEE	0	0	0	0
La Crosse	0	0	0	0

COMMENTS:

This species is fairly widespread in the state, but is not particularly common. Larvae are predaceous on other mosquito larvae and on various aquatic arthropods that share their habitat.

