

# *Psorophora howardii* Coquillett

**OVERWINTERING STAGE:** Egg.

**PHENOLOGY:** Multivoltine.

**LARVAL HABITAT:**

Larvae can be found in temporary rain-filled pools, wetlands, floodwater ponds and drainage areas.

**HOST PREFERENCES:**

Females feed almost exclusively on medium to large-size mammals.

**VIRUS TESTING RESULTS:**

Virus	# specimens tested	# pools tested	# positive pools	MIR
WNV	33	3	0	0
EEE	0	0	0	0
La Crosse	0	0	0	0

**COMMENTS:**

In PA, this species is limited to the southeastern part of the state. Over 75% of the females collected were from Bucks and Lehigh Counties. Larvae are predaceous on other mosquito larvae and on various aquatic arthropods that share their habitat. Males have been observed mating with females at their emergence sites, rather than creating mating swarms as do most male mosquitoes.

