



Culex peccator Biology

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Culex peccator larvae have been found in pools in streams in Brunswick County. The adults occasionally hide in diurnal shelters, particularly in damp situations, in the county. We have collected larvae of this species on several occasions from underneath damp earthen ledges on stream banks. The females cannot be separated with certainty from some other species of the subgenus *Melanoconion*. Recent studies suggest this mosquito prefers to feed on reptiles and amphibians, particularly the Cottonmouth snake (*Agkistrodon piscivorus*). We have found that the best time to collect this species is in May and June. This mosquito is considered to be of low importance to the citizens of Brunswick County.

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