



Culex salinarius Biology

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Culex salinarius larvae are found either in fresh or brackish water in grassy pools, ditches, ponds, occasionally in rain barrels, bilge water in boats, cattle tracks, and sometimes in stump holes. Larval development of this species begins early in the season and continues at a rather uniform rate during the summer and fall throughout the county. Larvae and adults can be found any time during the year in Brunswick County.

The adults are frequently found resting during the daytime in outbuildings and other similar shelters. The males and females are captured in large numbers in New Jersey light traps in the County. The females bites occasionally outdoors and may enter dwellings to feed on man. We are of the opinion that they prefer to feed on dogs, horses and other furry mammals. They have been implicated in disease transmission so we consider them to be of medium importance to the citizens of Brunswick County.

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