



# *Culiseta inornata* Biology

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*Culiseta inornata* larvae are found in ground pools, ditches, and occasionally in artificial water containers, often grossly polluted. They occur in brackish water in the coastal marshes of Brunswick County where they are sometimes associated with the same larval habitats of the Black Salt-marsh mosquito *Ochlerotatus taeniorhynchus* and the Brown Salt-marsh mosquito *Ochlerotatus sollicitans*. In Brunswick County, breeding is generally restricted to the late fall, winter, and early spring months.

The females are seldom persistent biters but do occasionally attack man. The females seem to prefer feeding on larger mammals and are at times very troublesome to livestock in timbered areas in the early spring. The adults are readily attracted to artificial light and are often captured in light traps during cold weather when few other night-flying insects are active. *Cs. inornata* is not considered to be a problem species in Brunswick County.

## REFERENCE

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