



# *Ochlerotatus sticticus* Biology

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*Ochlerotatus sticticus* larva are found mostly in floodwater pools in river floodplains both in woodlands and open country, but they also occur in rain-filled pools containing dead leaves or other vegetation. The eggs will remain viable, in the absence of flooding, for at least three seasons and perhaps longer. We collect this mosquito in late March, April, and early May in Brunswick County.

Every year a few *Oc. sticticus* adults can be collected from the interior of the county during May, June, and early July. The females are persistent biters, attacking during daylight hours and in early evening in woodlands and thickets near their breeding places. They are most active in after sundown and the first thing in the morning, but they will attack in the daytime in shade or in the open, even in bright sunshine and with a breeze blowing. We consider this mosquito to be of low importance to the citizens of Brunswick County.

## REFERENCE

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